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I was sired among the surges;
I was cubbed beside the foam;
All my heart is in its verges,
And the sea wind is my home.

All my boyhood, from far vernal
Bourns of being, came to me
Dream-like, plangent and eternal
Memories of the plunging sea.
—(Bliss Carman in "Ballads of Lost Haven."

JERRY'S CHOICE.

"Now see here, Jerry," exclaimed Farmer Johnson to his man of all work, "ye needn't git uneasy just because old Podgers has offered ye a dollar a month more'n I'm payin' ye. I reckon I've got about as much money an' kin afford to pay ye about as much as Podgers kin or mebbe a little more.

"Ye're a first-class worker, Jerry, I'll admit that, an' I don't want ye to be gettin' dissatisfied or thinkin' of diggin' out, so I'll make a bargain with ye right now before we go any further. If ye stick to me an' work as well as you've bin workin' right along for the next two years, I'll pay ye the same as Podgers offered ye, an' at the end of the two years I'll give ye the best critter on the place. Yes, siree, Jerry, ye kin take yer pick of any critter on the hull place, from a sheep up to a horse, or even a gi-raffe or elephant, if I happen to have one of 'em on hand when it comes time to take yer choice.

"What d'ye say to that, Jerry? Is it a bargain?"

"I'll do it," answered Jerry Brant, quietly, "and there's my hand to bind the bargain."

"That's the way to talk; that's just what I wanted to hear," exclaimed Farmer Johnson, grasping Jerry's extended palm and giving it a hearty shake. "Now that bis'ness is settled satisfactory to all hands an' we kin pitch into the work with clear consciences."

No further mention was made of the bargain between Jerry and his employer until they were seated at the dinner table, later in the day, and then Mr. Johnson, with a merry twinkle in his eyes, glanced across the table at his better fraction and said:

"Well, mother, I had to discharge Jerry an' hire him over agin to-day."

"You seem to be in very good humor about it, so I judge the difference couldn't have been very serious," commented Mrs. Johnson, who used to be a Yankee schoolma'am before she married, and therefore did not handle the United States dialect with the offhand familiarity of her husband.

"Serious? Ye kin bet it is!" ejaculated Mr. Johnson. "Why, I've got to pay him $1 a month more'n I did before, an' at the end of two years, if he stays right along, he's to have his pick out of the critters on the place to take along with him and keep for his own. I expect he'll take a horse, but I can't help it. I wasn't goin' ter let old Podgers hire him away from me, an' then go around chucklin' over it behind my back for the next six months."

"Mr. Podgers made an attempt to hire him, did he?"

"Yes, an' a purty nervy attempt at that. Offered him $1 more a month, but I settled the matter in a hurry by pilin' the best critter on the place on top of that. But if he stays the hull two years I reckon he'll earn it—eh, Jerry?"

Jerry blushed, and answered that he would do his best.

"Didn't you exempt my pony, papa? I really can't think of allowing Mr. Brant to run off with that, even if he does earn it!" exclaimed Farmer Johnson's pretty 18-year-old daughter, May, with a sidelong glance of admiration at Jerry's broad shoulders and manly features.

"Oh, Jerry wouldn't be mean enough to take the pony, I guess," interposed her father.

"No," said Jerry, "I don't want the pony—unless the rider goes with it," he added, sotto voice.

"Eh, what's that?" demanded Mr. Johnson. "Unless what? I didn't ketch the tail end of that remark, exactly."

Jerry's face turned crimson, and he was about to repeat his remark, when the quick-witted young lady came to the rescue.

"Mr. Brant"—she always called him by that title, because she considered it more becoming and dignified than Jerry—"Mr. Brant says he doesn't want the pony unless the bridle goes with it, I believe," she explained, ingenuously.

"Huh! I reckon a halter is all he'll get with her if he takes that pony. There wa'n't anything in the writin's about throwin' in a bridle," said Farmer Johnson.

"You needn't worry, father, I think Mr. Brant will be generous enough to spare me my pony," said May, reassuringly.

"Yes, you may keep your pony," agreed Jerry, with an undisguised glance of admiration at the pretty face opposite him.

May's eyes fell before his, but not until they had flashed back a look that caused his heart to beat high with hope.

The fact of the matter was that stalwart, good-looking Jerry had long admired his employer's handsome and accomplished daughter, but to-day was the first time he had dared to let her know it, either by look or speech.

After that, however, their acquaintance rapidly ripened and a few weeks later Jerry surprised Mr. Johnson by asking for the hand of his daughter in marriage.

Mr. Johnson was engaged in the pastoral occupation of milking a cow at the moment this question was sprung upon him, and he nearly fell off the stool in astonishment.

"Want to marry my darter, May!" he gasped. "I guess not, young man! Not if the court knows itself. I've bin edyceatin' her for suthin' higher than marryin' her father's hired man."

"Oh, if that is the only objection, it can easily be removed," interposed Jerry. "I don't expect to remain anybody's hired man after my two years are up. I believe I told you when I came here that I had just graduated from college, and intended to make the pursuit of agriculture my life business, instead of going into medicine or law, or any other of the already overcrowded professions. [illegible] ing as [illegible] I propose to [illegible] practical side of the business now. And at the end of my two years I propose to go West and buy a ranch and strike out for myself. As far as my education is concerned, I don't think I shall ever give your daughter occasion to be ashamed of me, and as to supporting her comfortably and in becoming style, I believe I shall be abundantly able to do so, and——"

"Can't help that, Jerry!" broke in Mr. Johnson. "I hain't gointer have ye luggin' May off jest because ye two young folks imagine ye're in love. A woman is a mighty queer an' onsartin sort of critter, anyhow, as ye'll find out soon enough when ye git hooked up in double harness for life with one of 'em an' if I was in yer place I wouldn't be in a hurry 'bout takin' a yoke of that kind on my shoulders.

"Anyhow, if ye insist on gittin' married in spite of my warnin', ye'll hafter pick out some other pardner besides the one ye've got yer eyes set on at present. My darter is goin' back to college next week to finish up her edyceation, an' when she gits through her schoolin' it will be plenty time enough for her to commence thinkin' 'bout the men. She'll forgit ye by that time fast enough, so ye might as well give up all hope right now of ever gittin' her. I like ye well enough other ways, Jerry, but I don't care for ye in the role of son-in-law. There, now, ye've got yer answer fair an' square, an' if ye want to stay an' work out the balance of yer time, we'll drop the love-bizness right here, an' I'll treat ye as well as ever; but if ye don't care to stay under the circumstances it is all right, an' I shan't blame ye any fer going. Now, which is it to be, Jerry, stay or quit?"

"I'll stay," said Jerry, quietly.

And stay he did performing his duties as conscientiously and thoroughly as ever, although the farm life grew suddenly sordid and dull when May went back to her college studies.

The months rolled swiftly around, however, as months have a habit of doing, until eighteen of them had been crossed off the calendar of time. Then May, as bright and winsome as of old, came home with her dimples and diploma, and, though he did not even dare to look his admiration, Jerry was straightway transported to paradise.

Jerry's term of service finally expired, and he regretfully announced that the time had come for him to strike out in life for himself.

"That's so, Jerry," said Farmer Johnson. "I had clean forgot 'bout yer two years bein' up to-day. Wall, I'll look over accounts an' settle up with ye after dinner, an' in the meantime ye kin be lookin' round an' sorter makin' up yer mind which one of the critters on the place ye want. I believe ye was to take yer choice when ye quit."

"Well," said Jerry, promptly, "it won't take me long to make up my mind."

Here he stepped quickly across the room to where May was gazing disconsolately from the window, and whispered a question in her ear. For an instant her eyes met his; then she rose, with a smile, placed her hand confidingly in his, and together they faced her father.

"This is my first and only choice," exclaimed Jerry, with a ring of mingled pride and triumph in his tones.

"But ye can't do that—'tain't in the agreement. I said critter, not wimmen folks; an' I hain't gointer allow no such——"

"Just a moment, if you please, Mr. Johnson," interrupted Jerry Brant, drawing himself erect, with proudly flashing eyes, and still retaining May's hand. "Haven't I heard you allude to the women as queer critters, consarned critters, plaguey critters and I don't know how many other kinds of critters, during the past two years and upward that I have been with you?"

"Yes, I s'pose ye have," acknowledged Mr. Johnson, "but—er——"

"All right, sir," interposed Jerry, briskly. "You promised me the best 'critter' on the place, and this is the one I want—and the only one."

Farmer Johnson gazed at the handsome and smiling young couple before him in a half-indignant, half-indulgent sort of way for a moment; and then the latter feeling got the better of the struggle and he quietly remarked:

"Wal, a bargain is a bargain, an' I s'pose I'll hafter keep my word; but I say, young man," and Mr. Johnson's eyes twinkled mischievously, "don't ye think ye sorter missed yer vocation, not bein' a lawyer instead of a farmer?"

How He Got the Right Expression.

"Thanks," said the tragedian, "many thanks for your good opinion. I always study from nature, sir. In my acting you see reflected Nature herself."

"Try this cigar," said an admirer of nature, reverently. "Now, where did you study that expression of intense surprise that you assume in the second act?"

"From nature, sir, from nature. To secure that expression, I asked an intimate friend to lend me $5. He refused. This caused me no surprise. I tried several more.

"Finally I asked one who was willing to oblige me, and as he handed me the note I studied in a glass the expression of my own face. I saw there surprise, but it was not what I wanted. It was alloyed with suspicion that the note might be a bad one. I was in despair."

"Well?" said the other, breathlessly.

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[illegible]

"[illegible] like the rearing of a [illegible] it keeps warm the [illegible] become it."

TO MY LEFT HAND.

I envy you your life of rest. You live in luxury.
You e'er enjoy the very best fates reserve for me.
You've never worked in all your life.
You've never known a care.
You've always lived apart from strife
—existence sweet and rare.

My right has e'er my writing done,
while you have stood aside;
You've had your full share of the fun,
and yet in peace abide.
You've never penned a line for me, nor ever struck a blow,
And it is very plain to see you've never known a woe.

And yet, dear friend, I cannot say the time will ever be
That there will be the dawn of day when you're not dear to me.
My right hand is more useful, yes, but prithee, do not pout,
You are a friend, I must confess, I cannot do without.

So here's to you, my left hand, may you ever live in peace,
And may the joys that round you stand forevermore increase!
Let others sneer because your days are passed in luxury,
And ever placed in happy ways, you're mighty dear to me.

SHE SAVED THE DAY.

Jackson Smith had a hobby. He would stand at the foot of his table, carving knife in hand, while he enlarged upon the "soulless democratic times," emphasizing his sentences by brandishing the carver in air.

His next aversion to a democrat was an old maid. Indeed, the old maid was even more odious to him. The democrat he could forgive as being a fool, but the old maid was beyond pardon on any grounds. And yet, as in very mockery of his pet antipathy, his only child, Sarah, had developed into the hated object, right in his own household.

Sarah was tall and angular, like her father, but her face was pleasing, and her disposition mild and amiable. She had never revolted against anything in her life—not even against the injustice of spending her youth in making preserves, apple butter or piecing quilts, while other girls were making merry. Sometimes Sarah wondered where her youth had gone, but, while she was 32, she could not recall having been young.

One day Jackson Smith received a hurt, and when Dr. Brown was called in he told Jackson his days were numbered. Then it was that his hatred for old maids proved itself.

"I'll never leave this place to a woman that can't get a husband," he said fiercely.

"But, father, Sarah's never had no chance—we've always kept her down," remonstrated his weeping wife.

His waved his hand to silence her. "Woman, no old maid shall inherit my place. I've sent by the doctor for Lawyer Clarke, and he'll come down to-morrow. There's money enough in bank for you, but I'll fix it so that at your death it will go with the farm. Jackson Coggan, my namesake, shall get it all."

Tearfully Mrs. Smith imparted the facts to Sarah.

"Mother, would he turn you out of the old home just because he hates me?" and Sarah looked incredulous.

The elder woman nodded; then Sarah kissed the round, sunburnt face and said: "Mother, I never have revolted against father, but I'm going to save the place for you—I wouldn't mind so much, but you shall never leave your home. I'm going out now to think it over." And putting on her pink sunbonnet she went out the back door. When some distance from the house she sat down in the shade of a tree, and while her heart beat loudly over her father's contemplated injustice, she resolved to outwit him.

"There's Josh Mullin; he might—but I can't bear Josh; he chews tobacco, and his mouth always looks dirty. Henry Hodge is home, but he drinks so that there's no dependence to be put in him." She cast her eyes over the landscape, and on the next farm she saw the figure of a man in the field. "Yes, there's John Howard, but—" and her face grew pink—"I hate somehow to ask it of him." Then the tear-stained face of her mother passed before her mental vision, and giving a jerk to her sunbonnet she started down the path across the meadow.

John Howard was hoeing corn. When he saw Sarah approaching he stopped and leaned on his hoe, a look of concern in his face.

"Is the old man worse, Sarah?" he asked.

"Yes; Dr. Brown says he can't live more'n two or three days, and—Oh, John, it's awful, the way he is."

"Yes, but you have been a good, sacrificing daughter, Sarah, and you can't blame yourself for anything, you——"

"Oh, you don't understand, John; he's going to leave everything to—to Jackson Coggan, and mother'll have to leave the place," she half sobbed.

"You can't mean it, Sarah? Why—why that would be outrageous. What makes him talk of such a thing?"

"Because—because—I am an old maid; he hates all old maids," and her face grew pinker than the sunbonnet. John Howard shifted the hoe to the other arm and looked down.

"John, I've come to ask you—Oh, John, don't think me brazen; it's for mother's sake. I can't stand to see her turned out, and for my fault, and if you will only help me and—and—come up to the house and pretend that we are to be married—just until after the will is made—it wouldn't be so very wrong, John—not so bad as letting mother be put out of her home—" She caught her breath in short gasps, but when John was silent her pink face suddenly paled. "I reckon it's asking a heap too much of you, John, but don't hold it against me; I couldn't see any other way. Good-by, John," she was turning away.

"Don't go yet Sarah. I—I think your idea is good, but it might not work. Jackson Smith is sharp; he'd see right through it, but—if—if you would be willing we could drive over to Squire Hall's this afternoon and get married. I wouldn't trouble you any, Sarah—we could go on just the same, and I'll never want to marry any one else, and if you should you could get a divorce, you know."

"Oh, you're sure it makes no difference—you don't mind, John?" Her tone was eager.

"No, I don't mind; I'd help you any way I could, Sarah. It's nigh noon now. I'll drive over for you in the buggy right after dinner."

"[illegible]—I wouldn't have [illegible]—only—only—you understand how it is, don't you?" Her face was red again.

"I understand it, Sarah. Don't fear."

"Why, Sarah, where have you been? You look as rosy as a poppy," and Mrs. Smith wiped the tears from her eyes as she gazed at her daughter's face.

"I've been attending to business for us, mother. You will not leave the place. I'm going over to Squire Hall's this evening. John Howard is coming to take me in the buggy."

The sun was sinking low in the west when John Howard and Sarah returned from the squire's.

"Will you come in, John, and stay about some? I'd—I'd rather you'd tell him if you don't mind," Sarah said.

John hitched the horse and went in. He walked to the bedside of Jackson Smith and sat down.

"Uncle Jackson," he began, "I've come to tell you what I've done. You know that I've often warned you that some day you would lose the most valuable possession you had—"

"It's the brindle heifer," interrupted Jackson Smith, his eyes snapping angrily. "John Howard, you think because I am on my deathbed that you can do as you please, but I'll show you. It's just like a rascally democrat to shoot a neighbor's heifer just because she jumped into your wheat. I don't expect anything better of you—the whole party is made up of thieves and cutthroats—but I'll leave it in my will. Jackson Coggan shall law and law until—" He sank back exhausted from his outburst.

"If you get that angry over the brindle heifer, Uncle Jackson, I don't know what you will say when I tell you that I have not touched the heifer, but I have married Sarah."

"Married—Sarah!" and Jackson Smith's eyes dilated. "Married Sarah!" he said under his breath. "John, give me your hand. I knew Sarah was a Smith. Why, there never was an old maid in the Smith family, but it did seem she meant to take after the Walkers—her mother was a Walker. Sarah—married! I can go in peace, John, now that you have lifted the disgrace from the Smith family. You needn't mind what I said about the democrats—I reckon you don't know better. Call Sarah; I want to give her the brindle heifer."

When the lawyer came the next day he wrote a will bequeathing all, save a life interest to Mrs. Smith, to his beloved daughter Sarah, who had gladdened the last hours of his life.

A few days later, with all due ceremony, Jackson Smith was laid away by the side of other Smiths. John Howard went home with his wife and her mother. At the porch he halted awkwardly, seeing which Sarah turned.

"Will you come in, John?" she asked.

"I'm afraid it would only pester you if I did—I—reckon I ought to go home, but I hate to leave you—you women folks alone, and you'll be kind of lonesome now."

"You might stay. We would fix up father's room real comfortable if you would just as soon," said Sarah, beginning to realize the awkwardness of their position.

"I'd like to, Sarah. I could tend the crop just as well, but I'd feel as if I was living off of you women, and—and you might get to hate me if I hung around."

"You needn't be afraid of that John," said Sarah, tapping her foot nervously on the porch floor. "It would be the easiest way out of our—our—dilemma; but if you'd rather not stay we could explain to folks how it was that you just married me to save the farm."

"But Sarah, if we told that it would be a lie. I took advantage of your trouble to get you married to me and you didn't suspect me, but now I feel mean, and as if you will not respect me when I tell you the truth." Sarah gazed at him in wonder. What could he mean, she thought, but no sound came from her lips, and he continued: "I've been trying for ten years to ask you to marry me, but I never could do it, and when you came to me in your trouble I jumped at the chance, Sarah, because I wanted you—I've always loved you, but now I feel I can't stay unless—unless you can take me for your husband in earnest." His eyes did not lift to her face.

"John!" Her eyes were open in wide amaze, and the face so lately tear-stained became radiant with unexpected joy. "You love me?" she questioned in glad unbelief. "Why, I have loved you all this time, too," she whispered.—Florence L. Holmes.

Railroads in China.

A missionary writing from China to a friend recently described the difficulties under which the newly completed railroads are conducted in that country.

Passengers in the first-class coaches, he said, exhibited so strong a desire to carry off various articles from the cars as souvenirs of their trip that the coaches were speedily stripped of those things that contribute to the comfort of the passenger. They took away with them hat and bundle racks, mirrors, lamp brackets, hooks, small tables, and even doors. They were considerate enough to leave the car frame and wheels. And the purloiners were Government officials and people belonging to the wealthy classes.

The stations along the railroad over which the writer traveled were rude sheds, very unclean and without a chair or bench. The cars, too, were very dirty. While this was especially true of the second-class coaches, which were often-times crowded with half-naked, un-washed people, the first-class coaches also became very unclean in a short time. It soon became necessary to take out all the upholstery and replace it by plain seats.

When the railroads were being built reports were spread that the foreign contractors were stealing Chinese children and burying them in the roadbed so as to propitiate the god who rules over railroads. These reports greatly excited the people, and in one instance a mob attacked two missionaries, near Peking and would have killed them had not a detachment of soldiers rescued them. Under guise of these reports children were really kidnapped and taken into the cities for immoral purposes.

Grip on His Grave.

A most extraordinary tombstone has just been erected in the cemetery at Lincoln, Kan., by an eccentric man named Henry Jacobs, in memory of his son, James Jacobs, who died in 1891. Mr. Jacobs wanted a tombstone out of the ordinary, and remembering that his son was of a roving disposition, he had a stone cut in the shape of an old-fashioned traveling satchel. On the plate in the center of each side is the name "J. S. Jacobs." Just above the name is this inscription: "Here Is Where He Stopped Last." Underneath the name is the date of death and his age. The stone is white marble and the base is a big bowlder, which the father hauled from his farm [illegible] of the grave.

THE MAPLE.

That was a day of delight and wonder,
While lying the shade of the maple trees under—
He felt the soft breeze at its frolicsome play;
He smelled the sweet odor of newly mown hay,
Of wilding blossoms in meadow and wood,
And flowers in the garden that orderly stood;
He drank of the milk foaming fresh from the cow,
He ate the ripe apple just pulled from the bough;
And lifted his hand to where hung in his reach,
All laden with honey, the ruddy-cheeked peach;
Beside him the blackberries juicy and fresh;
Before him the melon with odorous flesh;
There he had all for his use or his vision,
All that the wishes of mortal could seize—
There where he lay in a country elysian,
Happily, dreamily
Under the trees.

A DESIRABLE HOUSE.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Franklyn had got tired of life in the country.

Of course, wild roses, strawberries and cream, and the song of blackbirds and linnnets before dawn were very enchanting—but they had their balancing disagreeables. The gothic roof leaked under its braided greenery of wistaria vines and honeysuckle; the kitchen stood an inch deep in water whenever there was a trifle heavier rain than usual, and the half-mile walk from the depot, however enchanting in flowery time, gave Mr. Franklyn a jumping neuralgia when traversed in a drizzly equinoctial. The butcher forgot to call, just when his wares were needed most, the next-door-neighbor charged a little more than city prices for his milk, eggs and butter, and the cook and chambermaid left at the end of the first month.

"Sorra a bit will a dacent girl be after stayin' in a haythen place like this, where there's not a church spire to be seen, and the frogs look at yez like Christians through the basement windows" said the[illegible].

So that life in the rural districts was not altogether without trials to Mrs. Laurence Franklyn; and about the time that New York houses break out into a harmless erysipelas of bills, having the legends, "To Let," and "For Sale," she said to her husband:

"Don't you think, dear, it would be well enough for us to return to the city."

"Yes, I do," said Mr. Franklyn.

Miss Julia Leslardi, Mrs. Franklyn's pretty eighteen-year-old sister, clapped her hands.

"Good! good!" cried she. "Now, I shall have some sort of chance at morning concerts and the opera again!"

And house-hunting commenced in good earnest.

But it flagged after the first edge of enthusiastic enterprise was worn off. None of the houses suited exactly. Mrs. Franklyn declared it was of no use wearing out one's shoe-leather and temper looking for what couldn't be found. Mr. Franklyn said it was a pity they hadn't found that out before. Mrs. Franklyn said that, as far as she was concerned, she would just as soon stay where they were. Mr. Franklyn retorted that anything was better than an indolent woman. Mrs. Franklyn burst into tears. Mr. Franklyn went out of the room, banging the door behind him. Miss Leslardi declared that all men were brutes, and that she for one never intended to be married.

"I don't care," sobbed Mrs. Franklyn. "It was all Laurence's fault, taking this horrid, damp hole."

"Oh, Bee, how can you say so?" said Miss Leslardi (Mrs. Laurence Franklyn's baptismal appellation was Beatrix), "you were as wild after it as he was."

"And," added Bee, ignoring this interruption, "if we have to live on the grass under an umbrella, I shall make no further efforts."

Mr. Franklyn said the same thing, and Miss Leslardi was just making up her mind to another season of frogs, damp kitchen and fresh eggs at eight cents a piece, when Bee came exultingly back from the city one evening.

"Oh, Julia," cried she, "I've seen the sweetest little gem of a house!"

"Been house-hunting, eh?" said Miss Leslardi, who had got tea ready—(the thirteenth "help" had gone off in a huff that morning, avowing that life in any tenement which did not boast a range with elevated ovens, was not worthy of the name).

"Well—no, not exactly house-hunting, you know. I wouldn't do that after Laurence's shameful behavior! But I saw the bill and I went in. Double parlors, and frescoed dining-room in the rear! Hot and cold water, gas, range, baths, everything in short, and the hall floor laid in those delightful mosaic patterns of tesselated marble! The neighborhood delightful, the park handy——"

"And the rent?" eagerly demanded Miss Leslardi, with eyes like blue moons.

"Only eighteen hundred a year."

"Oh!" said Julia. "But isn't that a great deal?"

"Not when you consider the price of houses in general. I'll go back to-morrow and secure it; but mind it's a secret. I don't want Laurence to know that I have taken any trouble, after his hateful words!"

"I don't quite believe in secrets between husbands and wives," said Julia Leslardi. "But of course I'll keep your secret!"

Mrs. Franklyn had retired to bed when her husband came home. Miss Leslardi, however, was up to pour his tea.

"Well, Julia," said Mr. Franklyn, triumphantly, "I've found the very house we want."

Julia looked up with almost a scared expression in her face.

"You haven't taken it, Laurence?"

"No; but I shall to-morrow."

"I wouldn't do anything without consulting Bee," pleaded Julia.

"I shall give her a pleasant surprise," said Mr. Franklyn, buttering a muffin. "Remember, Ju., this is between you and me."

"Oh, of course," said Julia, beginning to feel a little embarrassed by the amount of confidence reposed in her.

Early next morning Mr. Franklyn went to New York. Bee followed in the next train; while Miss Leslardi breathlessly awaited the crisis.

"We shall have to live in two houses, as sure as the world," said she to herself. "What idiots these young people are!"

Mrs. Franklyn returned rather earlier than her sister had expected her, with a bright, flushed face.

"Well?" said Julia, breathlessly.

"I've agreed to pay two thousand a year for it," said Mrs. Franklyn.

"Two thousand!" echoed Miss Leslardi. "I thought it was only eighteen hundred?"

"Well, so it was, but there's another party, it seems, very anxious to secure the house, and——"

"Oh, nonsense!" exclaimed Julia. "That's only the professional landlady's ruse."

"Oh, but it's true," persisted Bee, "for I saw his hat on the sideboard, and I caught a glimpse of his legs walking about in the upper story to see if the paint was in good order on the second floor. So I said I'd give her two thousand."

"And suppose the other party—who, I dare say, was the plumber or gas-fitter, or perhaps the carpenter, come to see about repairs—should offer twenty-five hundred?"

"He won't," said Bee, confidently. "The house isn't worth that."

"But I really think, Bee darling, that you'd better speak to Laurence."

"So I will," said Bee; "this evening. He will see that his wife is something more than a dead letter in the family. But I want you to go and see the house this afternoon, Julia."

"This afternoon!" cried Miss Leslardi. "We've no time."

"Yes, we have," said Beatrix, "just exactly time enough, if we hurry down to the cars, and return in the last train. Quick! Get your bonnet on and don't wait to arrange your frizzes."

And Julia Leslardi made haste accordingly.

The level rays of the soft April sunset were shining into the pretty little double drawing-room of the house on Millard square, as Bee led her sister exultantly into it.

"Just look at those marble mantles," said she, "and the pattern of the cornices. And the pier-glasses and the gas-fixtures go with the house, and—"

"Oh, I beg your pardon, ma'am, I'm sure," said a falcon-nosed, elderly lady, who advanced bearing with her a smell of dyed bombazine. "I'm sorry to disappoint you but—"

Beatrix Franklyn looked aghast.

"You have not let the house?"

"Yes, ma'am, I have. A poor lone widow like me has her own interests to look to; and the gentleman offered twenty-five hundred a year, if I'd sign the papers at once, which," with a reflective look at her pocket-handkerchief, "I did."

"I told you so," said Julia, sotto voce.

Mrs. Franklyn rose in great indignation, her voice rising accordingly.

"I really think," said she, "I should be justified in placing this matter in the hands of the lawyers, and—"

"Why, Bee, my darling!"

"Laurence!"

The folding-doors slid back and Mrs. Franklyn found herself vis-a-vis with her husband.

"Here's the gent himself," said the ancient female who smelled as if she had stepped out a dye-tub. "Which he can explain!"

"You never have taken this house, Laurence?" almost shrieked Mrs. Franklyn.

"Yes, I have my dear."

"But I offered two thousand for it!"

"And I have signed a three years' lease at twenty-five hundred," said the husband, somewhat sheepishly.

Miss Leslardi burst out laughing.

"So," said she, "your profound secrecy has cost you just five hundred dollars per annum."

Mrs. Franklyn began to cry—the elderly female looked as if she thought the lease might be vitiated by this matrimonial misunderstanding. Julia's eyes sparkled roughishly.

"Never mind, Bee," said Mr. Franklyn, soothingly. "It's a gem of a house anyway, and we'll be as happy as the day is long in it. I only wish I had confided in you about it."

"And I wi—wi—wish I hadn't been so obstinate and hateful," whimpered Bee.

"Come," said Miss Leslardi, "let's make haste, or we shall lose the seven-fifty way-train!"

So the old lady in the dyed gown and the obstrusive pocket handkerchief went out and took down the "To Let." And as she did so she chuckled audibly.

"Real estate is gone up," said the fiendish old lady.

What Dreyfus Has Cost France.

Apropos of the money made out of the Dreyfus case, it is curious to estimate what it has cost France as a whole. It costs over a hundred thousand francs a year, to begin with, to keep the prisoner on his island. The prosecution in the first instance—for spies are well paid—must have been expensive. Since then there has been another court-martial, to say nothing of two preliminary trials, which have involved the payment of writing experts, and so forth. Then on the side of the public is what the Dreyfus family have spent on advocates for propaganda (it has been put at three millions). The tons and tons of literature that have been printed must have cost a small national debt. Zola will spend a good many thousands on his case. The cost of extra police cuts some figure, too. It would be possible to go on indefinitely mounting up the figures without taking any account whatever of the "moral and intellectual damage," which is not inappreciable by any means.

Self-Made Men of Other Days.

The self-made man is by no means solely the product of modern times. Columbus was a weaver, Franklin was a journeyman printer, Pope Sixtus V. was employed in his young days in keeping swine, Robert Burns was a ploughman, Aesop was a slave, Homer was a beggar, Daniel Defoe was apprenticed to a hosier, Demosthenes was the son of a cutler, while Virgil was a baker's son. Ben Jonson was a bricklayer, Cervantes was a common soldier, Canova's father was a stonecutter, Capt. Cook commenced life as a cabin boy, Haydn, the musician, was the son of a poor wheelwright, Pizarro, instead of going to school, was sent to herd hogs. Kirke White's father was a butcher and Keats's father kept a livery stable.

Measurement of Lightning.

Some experiments of a curious nature, undertaken by Dr. F. Pockles, to determine the current intensity of a lightning flash, have been published in Wiedemann's Annalen. Lightning does not lend itself to investigation directly, but has a way of destroying both the observers and the instruments devoted to it, and so indirect methods of calculation have to be adopted. One of these is the irregular magnetization found in certain rocks lying on the earth's surface, which has been attributed to the violent electrical properties of lightning striking in their neighborhood.

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HERMAN H. NORTH.
Bradford, Pa., February [illegible], 1898.

HON. CHAS. H. ALLEN of Massachusetts has been appointed assistant secretary of war.

WHEAT keeps going up and silver down knocking the props both ways from the free silver-middle-of-road theorists.

SPAIN seems to possess the flying squadron now, as our fleet is unable to locate the Spanish fleet anywhere on the water.

GENERAL FRANK REEDER of Northampton county has announced himself as a candidate for governor subject to the Republican State convention.

EX-STATE TREASURER SAMUEL M. JACKSON of Armstrong county has been announced as a candidate for governor. Quay sees the handwriting on the wall and is seeking loop holes.

As short as the period has been since war was declared there has already been two national heroes idolized by the people: General Fitzhugh Lee and Commodore Dewey. Who will be the next, Sampson or Schley?

IF Sampson meets the Cape Verde fleet and makes them take a McGinty trip, the Spanish minister of marines when he hears of it will find such difficulty in restraining his emotions that he will be inclined to follow after the fleet.

SPAIN is almighty sorry now that it is not some other nation that Uncle Sam is having a little squabble with. She would be infinitely more pleased to sell her ships than to pit them against our navy in battle array, for they can sold without money and without price.

[illegible] the exports of Manila come to the United States. It is reasonable to expect that our commerce with that nation will be largely increased.—Globe Democrat. The most commendable thing Commodore Dewey could perform now would be to hitch his ships to the Philippine group and tow them over home.

LANKY BOB FITZSIMMONS is striving hard to draw some attention to himself by offering to fight Corbett and Kid McCoy, but the Spanish war holds the boards and Bob will not reach first base on that tack. He waited too long. He will be compelled to take third position: Spain, Klondike, Bob.

IF this uncertainty continues much longer, Congress will be compelled to [illegible] an act authorizing the lassoing of the Spanish fleet by some foreign government, and tying it up some place until Uncle Sam's fleet can get in speaking distance, otherwise we will be unable to have another naval battle.

[illegible] ship builders might as well prepare to meet all comers, as the reputation Commodore Dewey has established by the efficiency of our navy will induce both Europe and Asia to patronize our ship yards. When they get our ships they will [illegible] some of our brave tars to do the fighting.

[illegible] who command the Spanish [illegible] are built of different [illegible] Cortez, Pizarro and [illegible]. These heroes went [illegible] enemy or to con[illegible]. But Spaniards of [illegible] seem inclined to avoid [illegible] with the brawn and muscle [illegible] continent.

[illegible] tried to ape the English [illegible]: McKinley has [illegible] Spanish. Is it not about [illegible] we should have an administration that would be really American?—[illegible] Democrat.

[illegible] our large list of exchanges at [illegible] the Democrat is the [illegible] that assails the noble character of President McKinley. Mr. [illegible] is too much of a gentleman [illegible] unkind word against any of [illegible] and he ought certainly not allow his political views to [illegible] his gentlemanly qualities to [illegible] extent as to assail our Presi-[illegible]

[illegible] CUMMINGS gave a [illegible] of himself in defending [illegible] for the war revenue and loan [illegible]. He said that having voted for [illegible] and for a $50,000,000 emergency appropriation to start it, he felt [illegible] money to carry it on. [illegible] hurled about the bond [illegible] that, "If a Democratic [illegible] was forced to sell $[illegible], [illegible] bonds in time of peace to [illegible], the Republican [illegible] allowed to [illegible]

[illegible]

LAST Sunday was a day of unusual excitement and suspense. The air was full of rumors of a naval battle having been fought the day previous near Porto Rico, various versions of which were given. One minute it would be that a vessel or two had been captured. This was soon augmented to the startling report that most of the Cape Verde fleet had been captured or destroyed. At other times the report would be that Sampson had got the worst of it. So it kept going all day and until late at night, but nothing of a definite nature could be learned.

In the end it all proved to be a hoax started undoubtedly by some yellow journal for the purpose of creating a sale for their papers.

The Cape Verde fleet started on April 30 for somewhere, but where no one has been able to ascertain so far. It is supposed that the fleet has gone to Cadiz, Spain, to get more courage. Whether the Cape Verde fleet will attempt to pass through the Suez canal and thus reach the Phillipine Islands and attempt to drive out Admiral Dewey and his brave crew, or venture out on the Atlantic with the chances of meeting Sampson and Schley remains to be seen. The chances are that Spain has seen the hand writing on the wall and in order to save her fleet from destruction will keep it at home. The crews of the Spanish fleet evidently acquiesce in the movement, they certainly have no desire to be Deweyized. The President and his advisers are straining every effort to start a relief fleet to Admiral Dewey's assistance. The cruiser, Charleston, left San Francisco yesterday with supplies. Other large steamers will follow as soon as they can be fitted for the trip.

A large body of troops will mobilize at Tampa, Fla. Six regiments of the Pennsylvania troops will start presumably to-day. Among the rest will be our own gallant 16th regiment.

The Cubans who are so earnestly striving for the independence of Cuba do not desire the assistance of the United States troops to drive the Spaniards out of Cuba. All they ask is to be furnished with provisions arms and munitions of war and they will make those haughty Dons flee to their "castles in Seville."

The American people are in peculiar straits. There never was a people so anxious to fight as the American people are to-day and yet they cannot find an enemy to meet them.

CATHOLIC PATRIOTISM.

The archbishops of the Catholic Church in the United States have addressed a letter to the clergy and laity of the country, bearing on the war with Spain, which will be read in all the churches on Sunday. It is indorsed by Mgr. Martinelli, the Apostolic delegate and is as follows:

"To the clergy and laity of the Catholic Church of the United States, greeting:

"The events that have succeeded the blowing up of the battle ship Maine and the sacrifice of 266 innocent victims, the patriotic seamen of the United States, have culminated in a war with Spain and our own beloved country.

"Whatever may have been the individual opinions of Americans prior to the declaration of war, there can now be no two opinions as to the duty of every loyal American citizen. A resort to arms was determined upon by the chief executive of the nation, with the advice of both Houses of Congress and after consultation with his cabinet officers, but not until after every effort had been exhausted to bring about an honorable and peaceful solution of our difficulties with Spain.

"The patient calmness, the dignified forbearance, the subdued firmness of President McKinley during the trying time that intervened between the destruction of the Maine and the declaration are beyond all praise, and should command the admiration of every true American.

"We, the members of the Catholic Church, are true Americans, and as such are loyal to our country and our flag, and obedient to the highest degree and the supreme authority of the nation.

"We are not now engaged in a war of section against section, or state against state, but we are united as one man against a foreign enemy and a common foe.

"If, as we are taught by our holy church, love of country is next to love of God, a duty imposed on us by all laws, human and divine, then it is our duty to labor and to pray for the temporal and spiritual well being of the brave soldiers who are battling for our beloved country.

"Let us faithfully beg the God of battles to crown their arms on land and sea with victory and triumph, and to stay unnecessary effusion of blood, and speedily to restore peace to our beloved land and people.

"To this end we direct that on and after the receipt of this circular, and until the close of this war, every priest shall, in his daily mass, pray for the restoration of peace by the glorious victory of our flag. We also direct that prayers for the brave soldiers and sailors that fall in battle be said every day after mass. The prayers shall be said aloud with the people and shall be one Our Father, and one Hail Mary and the De Profundis.

"We pray that God may bless and preserve our country in this great crisis, and speedily bring victory, honor, and peace to all our people."

WAR NOTES.

It is reported that two torpedo boats had lately been sighted off Nantucket, Mass., and two more off Sable island.

It was reported that Commodore Sampson had bombarded San Juan, Porto Rico, and had reduced the forts but had not captured the town.

The gunboat Winslow had a battle Tuesday with three Spanish boats at Cardenas, but sustained no injury. On Wednesday the same boat had a brush with the forts there and a gunboat. When the smoke of battle cleared away the Spanish boat had disappeared, presumably sunk. The Winslow lost one officer and four men and several wounded.

It was reported yesterday that Geo. Downing, the Spanish spy, who was imprisoned in Washington, D. C., on the charge of mining the harbor in Havana, had hung himself in his cell.

There is a report that Admiral Dewey has captured another Spanish vessel at Philippine islands.

HAVING removed the wrapper from Manila the next thing to do is to knock the filler out of Havana.—Globe Democrat. Sampson is dead anxious to do the latter, but it is an even chance that the other admiral will be too Schley for him.

IF the Spanish authorities don't watch out they will find it necessary to come and ask Uncle Sam to take his fleet and go to Spain to put down the riots there.

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The following from the Wellsboro Agitator will be of interest to many of our readers:

The case of the county against the late County Commissioners Thomas H. Bailey and M. H. Stebbins came on for trial by the Court without a jury on the 15th of last month pursuant to the agreement of both parties. An issue was made between the county and Bailey to try the question whether or not the defendant should be surcharged with $95.58 on his bill, as he was by the auditors.

Last Monday Judge Mitchell filed his findings in the case as follows:

We find the facts precisely as they appeared on the trial as shown by the evidence heard and filed in No. 366 of the same term, in which M. H. Stebbins is defendant (it having been agreed at the trial of that case that the cause be tried upon the same proof) and for the defendant in this case we find the facts as they were testified to in that by him and by his witnesses Stebbins and DeWitt, who were his colleagues when the expenses here in question were incurred. And we so find on part of this defendant because these were the only witnesses sworn at the trial and therefore nothing is shown to dispute the facts testified to by them.

From the facts so found nothing appears which would justify us in affirming the award of the auditors surcharging this defendant with the amount of that award ($95.58) or any part thereof; for it appears by the proof that said bill No. 365 for $279.75, included only the necessary and proper expenses of the three commissioners which were paid by them in equal shares of $93.25 each out of their own pockets. The auditors allowed $200.01 on that bill, leaving a balance of $79.74 which they surcharged in equal parts of one-third ($26.58) against the commissioners severally. How they arrived at that conclusion does not appear, for no proof but their finding was made at this trial; but it does appear in the proof before us that Mr. Stebbins gave them the items of expenses paid precisely as he testified on the stand here, and they amount to exactly the sum charged by the three in the bill upon which they took payment from the county treasurer. If there was any other evidence before them it should have been adduced at this trial; for, at most the award of the officers is but prima facie evidence, and that is entirely overcome by the testimony in the case.

Furthermore, it appears by the testimony of Mr. Bailey that he had no notice to appear before the auditors to sustain his charge in this bill, and if that is so the award as to him was not binding upon him; for it is settled law that in such a case the official whose bill is questioned must be notified or the settlement cannot affect him. No doubt the auditors intended to do right (evidently thinking that the bill was extravagant), but their allowance of $200.01 must be held to warrant the necessity and propriety of the trip upon which the expenses were incurred.

The only question remaining, therefore, is whether the bill covered the actual and proper expenses of the three commissioners; and as to that the proof before us must be accepted as conclusive upon this court, in the absence of any proof whatever to justify this surcharge against the defendant. The award of the auditors is reversed and set aside, and we find for the defendant no cause of action and order that the costs be paid by the county. By the Court.

JNO. I. MITCHELL, P. J.

MACCABEE ASSOCIATION.

We have received numerous letters from various Tents and Hives and also from individual Maccabees scattered throughout McKean and Elk counties, inquiring about the meeting of the association of McKean and Elk Maccabees which is to be held at Kane June 11, 1898. If we answered all such letters it would keep us busy the greater part of our time, hence we have conceived the idea of committing the essential facts concerning the association and its meeting to print in order that it may be freely circulated and thoroughly understood, not only by members of the Maccabeean society but by general public as well.

The association consists as it name implies of the numerous Tents and Hives of Maccabees of the counties of McKean and Elk: It will meet once a year at such places in the two counties as the members of the Association or their delegates may select at the regular convention. Some 25 Tents and Hives are now enrolled as members of the association, representing about 2,500 Knights and Ladies of the Maccabees. Not all the Tents and Hives of the two counties have as yet joined the association. It is very desirable that they do so and undoubtedly at the regular convention this coming June the majority of such Tents and Hives, not yet members will become so. The objects of the association are the establishment of a closer and more intimate acquaintance between the various Tents and Hives and their individual members, the celebrating en masse of the birthday of the Maccabeean society in a manner befitting such an important occasion, the introduction into our work of a larger enthusiasm and aggressiveness in the up building and perpetuation of the Knights and Ladies of the Maccabees in the territory embraced by our association. These objects cannot fail to engage the sincerest attention and highest consideration of every loyal Maccabee. We, therefore, look forward with pleasure to entertaining the largest and most enthusiastic crowd of Maccabees ever assembled within the confines of northwestern Pennsylvania. We will have with us on June 11, D. P. Markey, supreme commander of K. O. T. M.; Bina M. West, supreme record keeper of the L. O. T. M.; Lady Brown, great commander of Pennsylvania; T. H. Lowery, State commander; W. E. Blaney, State record keeper and others. With such an array of speakers and entertainers we cannot fail to have a rousing and interesting meeting. Let everyone who can possibly get away for a day come to Kane on June 11 and celebrate with us.

E. H. WATKINS, President.
—Kane Leader.

THE following story from the Philadelphia Record is a little old, nevertheless it is good reading to Pennsylvanians. The incident related occurred during President Cleveland's first inauguration, while he and General Phil. Sheridan were on the reviewing stand. As the head of the Philadelphia troops reached the president's stand that official, turning to General Sheridan, then the head of the army, asked: "Are these the regulars?" "No, Mr. President," answered little Phil, "that's the First Brigade, National Guard of Pennsylvania." "Well, are these the regulars?" again asked the president, as the next brigade appeared. "No, Mr. President," was the reply, "that's the Second Brigade, National Guard of Pennsylvania!" As the next body of troops reached the stand the president remarked: "These surely are the regulars." "No, Mr. President," again came the answer, "that's the Third Brigade, National Guard of Pennsylvania." "Well, general," asked the president in surprise: "are there any troops here from any other state than Pennsylvania?" "None that are worth a damn!" was the prompt answer of the famous fighting general.

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W. C. T. U. COLUMN.

SCHOOL BOARDS AND THE INTEMPERANCE OF THE FUTURE.

Popular ignorance of the fact that alcohol and other narcotics have the power to create an uncontrollable appetite for more, [illegible] to the formation of such appetites and their consequences. No boy expects to become a drunkard when he begins to drink.

In fancied security youth, generation after generation, have entered [illegible] the course, stopping only to be fixed in the slavery of appetite and finally plunged into the [illegible] abyss of drunkenness. To prevent this, [illegible] thus preempt the childhood of the nation [illegible] the formation of [illegible] sobriety, is the primary object sought by what are called the Temperance Education Laws, already enacted by the National Congress for all schools under the Federal control, and by forty-one out of the forty-five States that constitute the United States. The those schools are the overwhelming majorities of the near future—the law-making power of to-morrow. The writer has repeatedly said, and every year's experience and observation strengthens faith in the statement, that ten years from the day when physiological temperance is as thoroughly taught in all the public schools as geography and arithmetic are, the alcohol question will be settled and settled aright in this republic by popular intelligence, with corresponding popular habits.

The parties who ought to take the first official steps for the enforcement of temperance educational laws are, ordinarily, the local school boards. These steps if rightly taken are:

First, The adoption of a definite course of study with adequate time and place given to it as to other branches, and for each grade of pupils.

Second, The recommendation of text books containing the facts the law requires taught, graded to the capacities of the several classes of scholars.

In the discharge of these duties on the part of school boards there is wide room for improvement. They have too often recommended books notably lacking in temperance matter and so absolutely out of grade as to be practically useless. Conscientious teachers in such cases have tried to give oral instruction, but they have not had the previous drill in this that they have had in other branches. When the teachers are not in possession of the facts to be taught and cannot find them in the books furnished, it is not strange that they should soon run out of matter and, therefore, soon drop the attempt, nor that error instead of truth is often taught.

Oral instruction on this topic in all grades above the primary has been, and still is, a signal failure. We must insist on text book study in all grades using text books for other like branches, if we would not be mocked with disappointment in results.

A master in a city school under temperance education law recently said: "I can and will teach this branch when it is put into my course of study and books containing the subject are put into my hands and those of my pupils, but the school board must do that first. If they fill my course of study absolutely full with other branches, leaving no time for this, and in addition neglect to give me or my pupils any adequate text books, I cannot do much."

This statement represents the relation of school boards to the enforcement of these laws and reveals the greatest hindrance to be overcome. The neglect with these officials is often due to misapprehension or indifference and sometimes to positive opposition. The appeal in the latter case is to the people for the election of persons who will execute the law. The man who would withhold this instruction from the children of a city or modify its full truth for fear of injuring the brewing or other liquor interests is most unfit to be entrusted with any care of the education of the children of this age. Misapprehension on the part of school boards can be enlightened; the indifferent can ordinarily be aroused, if not, they should retire. The member of the school board who claims to believe in this study while he or she refuses to provide suitable books and time for its pursuit, is not unlike the man in Maine who said he "believed in the prohibition law, but was agin its enforcement."

Hard indeed must be the heart of man or woman who could deliberately withhold the utmost warnings science has against strong drink and other narcotics from the children under his or her care. If we deliberately or otherwise withhold a given information from a child, are we not responsible for what may follow to that child's future and to others through him, because of such withholding? It is not too much to say that the officials who carelessly, negligently or purposely fail to provide for the full enforcement of the temperance educational laws in the schools under their control, are incurring a fearful responsibility for the drunkenness of the future. The time has come for calling attention to this from pulpit, platform and press.

MARY H. HUNT.

Poor unfortunate Spain. Don Carlos and Weyler have put their heads together and will conspire to gain control of the government. Would that Commodore Sampson could lay his hands on them and crack their skulls together. It would be doing Spain a lasting favor.

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First and final account of James Kane, administrator of the estate of Jeremiah Kennally, deceased.

First and final account of Emma A. Mosser, administratrix of the estate of Orwill H. Mosser, deceased.

First and partial account of N. C. Gallup, administrator of the estate of John S. Kirkland, deceased.

The final account of Harriet McIlwaine, guardian of James Calvin McIlwaine, minor child of J. H. McIlwaine, deceased.

The final account of A. M. Gillett, guardian of Ella B. Smith, now Ella B. Bentley, minor child of William H. Smith, deceased.

GEO. W. MITCHELL, Register.
H. H. [illegible], Deputy.
Smethport, Pa., May 9th, 1898.

Public Sale.

The School Directors of Keating township will expose at public sale to the highest and best bidder for cash down at the time of sale, on the premises, respectively, the following school buildings, including the right, title and interest therein of the said school district in and to the land occupied by said buildings, the same no longer used for school purposes, to-wit: The school house, etc., known as the Kent Hollow school house, at Kent Hollow, on the [illegible] day of May, A. D. 1898 at [illegible] o'clock a. m. of said day.

Also the school house, etc., known as the [illegible] school house, at [illegible] Hollow, on the [illegible] day of May, A. D. 1898, at 1 o'clock p. m. of said day.

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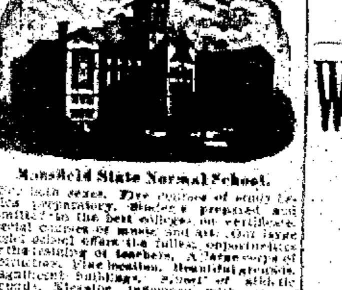

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SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, MAY 13, 1898.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Look out for a wedding about June 1st.

—Now is the time to plant your advertisement.

—The best of stationery at this office. Send in your orders.

—Epworth League convention Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

—Take note of the neat jobs that are being turned out from this office.

—At Kittredge opera house May 21st, Labadie's popular company in "Faust."

—Young's High-class Musical Novelty Co. at the opera house May 23d and 24th.

—The fires on South mountain last Tuesday night presented a magnificent sight.

—W. H. Rifle has moved his family from Norwich to the Olmstead house at Colegrove.

—The slight rain that fell last Tuesday night was a great benefit in checking the forest fires.

—Some very fine building stone are being brought down on the cars for the new glass plant.

—A. G. McAllister of Colegrove has moved into the N. T. Co.'s dwelling near the pump station.

—Do not fail to hear Miss Huntingdon and Dan Beddoe at the opera house Thursday, May 26.

—The hotel men of the county were in evidence here last Monday, all anxious to secure their licenses.

—That old-time favorite in Smethport, Labadie, will present "Faust" at the opera house May 21st.

—The closing entertainment of the Travelers' Club series will be given at the opera house May 26.

—W. H. Grumbine has made some improvements in the interior of his residence on Mechanic street.

—The MINER is unable to give the list of licenses granted and refused, as the court has not handed them down.

—Get ready to attend Young's High-class Musical Novelty Co.'s performance at the opera house May 23d and 24th.

—A fine lot of cement walks are being laid around the National Transit Company's pumping station at Colegrove.

—Remember that Tuttle's Big New Olympic Shows exhibit at East Smethport to-morrow afternoon and evening.

—Eloquent speakers and sweet singers will do their best to entertain you at the Epworth League convention. Everything free.

—The Mendelssohn Trio, assisted by Miss Katherine Huntingdon, mezzo soprano, and Mr. Dan Beddoe, tenor, at the opera house May 26.

—The sidewalk leading from the corner of Nelson and Cemetery streets to the cemetery is in a very bad condition and should be repaired before Decoration Day.

—The Epworth League convention convenes here this afternoon at 2 o'clock and continues until Sunday. Do not fail to attend as the exercises will be of a most interesting nature.

—The Iron and Oil league base ball season was inaugurated in Bradford yesterday, when the Olean and Bradford teams came together. The home club won by a score of 8 to 3. The same teams play to-day and to-morrow.

—Last Monday Supt. [illegible] of the B., B. & K. Ry. sent an engine and several cars here with a crew of men to construct the switch for the new glass plant.

—The hard tack spoken of in the letters from Mt. Gretna failed to reach their destination. Evidently some hungry postmaster along the route confiscated them.

—Dr. Wm. H. Crawford, President of Allegheny College, Meadville, at the opera house Friday night at 8:15 sharp. Do not fail to enjoy this treat at the expense of the Epworth League.

—John Sampson of Kane died at the poor house Monday afternoon, aged 72 years. His relatives were notified of his death but failed to respond and the remains were sent to Philadelphia.

—The Democratic county committee met at the Riddell House, Bradford, last Saturday afternoon. Primaries will be held Saturday night, August 6, and the county convention Tuesday, August 9.

—Mrs. N. A. Varney of East Smethport has moved her grocery stock into the building lately vacated by O. L. Bard and Mrs. May Bush has moved her restaurant from the Allen building to the one vacated by Mrs. Varney.

—The MINER is in receipt of the Fifteenth Annual Report of the Pennsylvania Fish Protective Association. It is a work of about fifty pages, profusely illustrated and replete with interesting matters relative to the propagation of fish.

—As nothing so mars the beauty of a town as a gang of hoboes hovering around on its outskirts, wouldn't it be a good idea for the Village Improvement Society to turn its attention toward the abatement of the tramp nuisance in Smethport?

—Edward Davis, who was operated on several weeks ago at the Bradford hospital for pus in the pleural cavity, is gaining slowly and the attending physicians hope for his ultimate recovery. This will be pleasing news to his many Smethport friends.

—D. C. Young, the enterprising Main street merchant, has adopted the style of advertising specialties each week. In selling these goods he puts the prices way down and endeavors to give everyone a bargain. Read his new advertisement this week.

—The Bradford baseball team defeated the Kane team at Bradford Wednesday by a score of 4 to 0. Herm Tull pitched for the Kane team. If his support had been good it would have been an even chance as to who would have carried off the laurels.

—List of letters remaining in Smethport postoffice for the week ending May 7: Miss Marie McCabe, Jno. McCarty, Sid McLaughlin, Rev. A. Ottoson, Mrs. Henry Prosser, Mrs. E. L. Webster. Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised."

—Miss Avis E. Smart, aged about 26 years, a teacher in one of the Renovo schools, was killed by the cars on Wednesday of last week while riding her bicycle from Renovo to her home at Westport. The deceased was a sister of L. E. Smart formerly of this place, now of Bradford.

—A forest fire burned a small trestle on the B., B. & K. near Mt. Jewett yesterday and the train from Kane was delayed. The management of the road with characteristic forethought brought home the Smethport pilgrims on the train that usually carries them as far as Ormsby.—Tuesday's Era.

—Last Wednesday afternoon a beautiful flag was flung to the breeze from the top of a 65-foot staff on the school house lawn. Mr. E. R. Mayo made a few patriotic remarks which were very appropriate for the occasion. A salute of one gun was fired and the exercises closed by singing "America" and "Marching Thro' Georgia."

—The leading citizens of Galeton, Potter county, are making strenuous efforts to suppress the nuisance known as "pig-ears" in that town. They are evidently meeting with success, for instead of making war upon the proprietors of these unnecessary evils they attack at the root by notifying the owners of the properties that these nuisances must cease. For the good of the town it is to be hoped that success will crown their efforts.

—The sawmill owned and operated by E. D. Whaley at McKean's Switch was destroyed by fire at an early hour last Sunday morning. Loss about $7,000; insurance about $3,000. McKean Bros. of this place, who own the stock at the mill, had about 500,000 feet of sawed lumber and 3,000,000 feet of logs piled in the yard and pond, of which only about 5,000 feet was destroyed. Mr. Whaley will begin the erection of another mill immediately.

—Genesee, Potter Co., was visited by another fire last Saturday, which came near destroying the Ewell Hotel. Great excitement prevailed and most of the citizens of the southern part of the town removed their household goods. Wellsville, twelve miles away, was asked for assistance and responded promptly, but the energetic work of the citizens had subdued the flames before their arrival. These fires are undoubtedly the work of incendiaries.

—Tuttle's Big New Olympic Shows will exhibit at East Smethport on Saturday, May 14, afternoon and evening. These shows have exhibited extensively for the last twenty years in Pennsylvania and the South, and carry a select aggregation of special features, amusing to both young and old. The admission has been reduced to 20 cents for adults, 10 cents for children. Don't miss seeing the Tuttle's Olympic. Ford's Flats, Saturday, May 14.

—Last Sunday afternoon one of our townsmen and his estimable better-half were out enjoying a drive. Out beyond the cemetery, on the Colegrove road, they met another rig, when suddenly and without the least warning their horse swung crosswise of the road and jumped onto the board fence on the lower side of the highway. The buggy was overturned, throwing the occupants to the ground. Both fortunately escaped injury although the vehicle was badly wrecked.

—Our jolly and good natured sheriff was neatly come up with last Monday night. Charles Bates invited him to attend a private soiree before his honor the mayor on a charge of defacing telephone poles by posting notices thereon. When brought before that dignitary the only reply he would make to the charge was "I will settle." Of course everyone was profuse in tendering sympathy to our jolly sheriff, but keep your weather eye out, he is only watching for a chance to get even on the deal.

—Commencement exercises of Smethport High School were held at the opera house last evening. The house was packed, many persons failing to gain admittance. All of the exercises were good and showed careful preparation. The graduates were Sheridan Gorton, Jr., Misses Jennie Stover, Ella Young, Ethel Gifford, Frances Campbell and Katie Jackson. In conclusion Mr. D. C. Young, with a few words of good advice, presented the diplomas, and Principal W. F. [illegible] made a very touching address to the graduating class. [illegible]

—Mrs. Ella Richards of Austin, a daughter of Mrs. O. H. Moore, received the news of the death of Lloyd Moore by telephone. Through a misunderstanding and a broken wire she thought it was her mother who was dead. She came to this place at once and on arriving at the house was met at the door by Mrs. Moore. The shock was very severe to Mrs. Richards and it was some time before she recovered.

—Considerable excitement was occasioned at Ludlow yesterday. Messrs. Olds and Fuller killed an enormous black bear, which weighed 350 pounds. The animal had been seen several times in that vicinity and many attempts were made to capture him, but without success. Early yesterday morning the aforesaid gentlemen set out with the determination to kill him which they did. The bear will be skinned and the hide tanned.—Kane Republican, Wednesday.

—At St. Luke's church on next Sunday (Rogation Sunday) the services will be at 8 and 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. There will be a sermon in the morning on "The Conditions of Acceptable Prayer;" and in the evening on "The Law that Governs Prayer." Services on the Rogation Days, May 16, 17, 18, at 9 a. m., and on May 19, Ascension Day, at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The choir will sing Monk's Service in C and Hopkins' festival anthem, "Lift up Your Heads, O Ye Gates," on Ascension Day.

—The plans and specifications for the proposed Roller Desk Works calls for a main building 50x150 feet, 2 stories high and a basement, together with a large dry kiln and engine and boiler house on each side of the main building so that it will be an imposing structure, and will add materially to the looks of our town. Bids are being received for both brick and frame work with the chances in favor of the former material being used. There are already several of our contractors and builders figuring on the job.—Kane Republican.

—Last Sunday the B., B. & K. officials ran a special train to Ormsby for the accommodation of those who desired to see the reserves of Company C, Bradford, on their way to Mt. Gretna. On arriving at Ormsby the train containing the soldiers was surrounded and the boys were given a rousing send-off. E. M. Kerns, one of the reserves, was captured by the Smethport delegation and overwhelmed with handshakes and well wishes. After a stop of ten minutes the train left for Kane amid the enthusiastic cheers of the assembled crowd.

—While the MINER has the greatest admiration for the efforts the ladies of our town are putting forth for beautifying the borough and keeping the streets clean, we are inclined to believe that the last project of placing barrels along the streets to dump rubbish in will not prove a success. We sincerely hope it will, but the mischievous small boy and smart alecks will have their fling at them. In order to make it a success it will be necessary to set a post and attach the barrels thereto with a lock and chain to prevent them being taken away.

—As the council has secured a place at the lower end of Main street to dump the rubbish there ought to be some arrangement made for removal there. The MINER would suggest that Saturday of each week be selected for cleaning-up day, and that arrangements be made with someone having a team to drive through the streets on that day and those having rubbish to move could hang out a sign to that effect. This would insure us of having clean streets every Sunday. Mr. Green of East Smethport would do the work at a very reasonable figure.

—About 2:30 p. m. last Monday fire was discovered in J. F. Rooney's Water street barn. An alarm was sounded and our gallant hose boys responded with their usual alacrity and soon had the fire under control. As the flames had gained considerable headway when discovered and the building is surrounded on three sides by inflammable wooden structures great credit is due the firemen for stopping the fire where they did, only the upper portion of the barn being destroyed. There was an insurance of about $300 on the building and contents.

—Keep your eyes peeled for the sharpers who are trying to work the following scheme on the unwary: The snap is worked by two sharpers. One goes through the country on a good bicycle, says an exchange. When he strikes a lively town he claims to be hard up and offers to sell the wheel cheap to get some money. Farmers' boys admire bicycles and bite readily, paying a small price for a first-class wheel. After a few days the other sharper turns up and claims to be looking for a man who stole his wheel. He describes it well, giving the number and the owner has to part with it. The sharpers raise from $20 to $40 a trip and start for greener fields.

—At Smethport yesterday an Italian made his appearance before Judge Morrison to swear allegiance to the United States. "Who is the Governor of Pennsylvania?" he was asked. "Meesta Haystinger," was the answer. "Has this country a king or a queen?" he was asked. "He got a king," replied the would-be citizen. "Who is the king?" was the next query. "King Will McKinley," answered the applicant. "Has this country got a war on its hands just now?" was another interrogation. "Yes, he fight a de Spain." "Would you fight for Spain?" "No, no—me fight for Stars a contra. Spain is no good." Yet the court did not think it wise to admit the dusky son of Italy as a citizen of the great republic.—Wednesday's Era.

R. L. A[illegible] has made an arrangement with John Vantine to occupy a portion of his Water street shop and is now prepared to do any and all kinds of wood work and carriage building. He has ample room and facilities to do any and all kinds of work in his line.
Smethport, Pa., May 11, 1898.

For Sale.

The only ladies' and gents' restaurant in the city, centrally located, doing a good business, to be sold cheap. Good reasons for selling. Address
THE PALM RESTAURANT,
150 Main St., Olean, N. Y.

A Grand Offer.

The MINER and thrice a week World for the small sum of $1.65, strictly in advance. This gives you 208 papers a year for the above small sum. Send in your subscription at once and reap the benefit of this exceptionally low offer.

For Sale.

One of the prettiest Rambler bicycles in this section for sale at your own price. All condition; suitable for lady. Call at F. C. Pierce's dental office.

Try our new lakeside lime for gout, sinks and sewers.
H. C. WHITE, Opera House Drug Store.

We are authorized to announce that Dr. C. E. [illegible] will be in Eldred May 25, 26 and 27 next.

A. E. Armstrong & Co. guarantee the American Silver Truss to give satisfaction or refund money.

When in Olean if you desire a good square meal for 25 cents call at the Palm Restaurant, 150 Union street.

The finest of room moulding [illegible] ties to select from. Call on L. Rooney, Water street.

If in need of a fine buggy you know where to go. Ed Daly has just what you want. 18-4-t

Smethport Advantages.

There are few towns in the State of Pennsylvania possessed of more pleasing appearances and so many advantages than our own borough of Smethport. Nestling as she does at the base of the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] Marvin creek, flowing [illegible] the town [illegible] borders, [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] which its first [illegible] through a fertile valley to its confluence with the Potato creek at the eastern terminus of the town it presents a most picturesque view from the adjacent hillsides.

Among the many advantages that can be offered are natural gas, coal, lumber, glass and building rock, brick and tile clay, etc., in unlimited quantities.

To parties who contemplate the erection of industries of any nature we can offer unparalleled inducements. An abundant supply of natural gas, the most economical fuel for manufactories, is found here. Quarries of the finest of building stone have been opened. The best glass rock in the world is here in inexhaustible quantities. Hardwood of all kinds abounds in near proximity. Clay for the manufacture of brick and tile lies here in endless supply. The brick for many of our large buildings was manufactured here and a better quality can be found nowhere. Our water supply is the purest and best in the country, coming from a mountain brook fed by living springs. Smethport schools are unsurpassed by any in the State.

All things taken into consideration, no town in the universe can offer more desirable inducements and natural advantages to manufacturers than Smethport. Parties contemplating the erection of any kind of industries and who are seeking a desirable location will find it greatly to their advantage to correspond with the Smethport Board of Trade.

Memorial Day Benefit.

A very good entertainment was given at the opera house last Monday evening for the purpose of raising funds for the proper observance of Memorial Day. The ladies turned out nobly but the gentlemen were conspicuous by their absence. Only four G. A. R. men were present—Judge Morrison, Mr. Choate, Mr. McElroy and Mr. Mayo. As the citizens generally turn out on all occasions that these brave veterans love to honor, it would have been infinitely proper for most of them if not all to have attended on such an occasion as the one of last Monday night. The price of admission was not high and there was no reason in the world for them to snub the young people who had labored so hard to please them.

The young boys went through their march and drill most superbly. The flag drill by the little girls was fine, and when little Zola Bunsted came out dressed as Miss Columbia and sang "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean" it touched a chord of patriotism in the heart of everyone present. Messrs. F. D. Gallup and E. R. Mayo gave short but very interesting talks. The entire audience sang "Marching Through Georgia" and "America." Although they were not always in perfect accord, yet they made up in enthusiasm for the lack of harmony.

A Successful Term.

Yesterday Prof. W. F. Eckels and his able corps of assistant teachers closed a successful term of school, lasting eight months. The term has passed off most peacefully, nothing having occurred to mar the good order and harmony that has prevailed from beginning to end. The only regret that Mr. Eckels and the teachers were heard to utter was that the parents and friends of the school showed so little interest, as very few had visited the institution during the term. The only reason that the MINER can give for this neglect is that the parents of the children were thoroughly satisfied that the school could not be improved upon in any manner. But this is not right. The frequent visits of parents and friends to a school acts as an incentive to incite the children to greater efforts. So there is a duty devolving upon the parents as well as the children in aiding the teachers to successfully discharge their duties. See to it hereafter that the teachers and children are quite frequently encouraged by your presence in the school room.

Will Purchase a Flag.

The following letter, which explains itself, will afford a great deal of satisfaction to every citizen of McKean county at the present time, when the atmosphere is so full of patriotism and love for old glory:

Mrs. Helen S. Morrison, Secretary Smethport Village Improvement Society:

DEAR MADAM:—The County Commissioners, desiring to accede to the request of the Village Improvement Society of Smethport, Pa., and numerous other citizens of McKean county, together with a patriotic sense of duty, have this day decided to purchase a flag 18 by 12 feet in size, all wool bunting, and cause the same to be placed in proper position on the court house square.

Respectfully,
County Commissioners
McKean County, Pa.

Smethport, Pa., May 5, 1898.

Remarkable Rescue.

[illegible] 50c and $1.00.

Report.

Following is a report of the [illegible] for the month [illegible]

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S. C. [illegible], Hillsboro, Pa., writes—"I have used [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

The MINER and [illegible] a week World for only $1.65.

Lloyd M. Moore.

On Saturday, May 7, the ever [illegible] Lloyd Moore met with a fatal accident at [illegible], N. Y. [illegible] not wishing to go [illegible] jumped from the front of the caboose. In jumping he in some way made a misstep and fell to the track the wheels of the caboose passing over his legs, nearly severing them from the body. His head and face were also badly cut and bruised. He was immediately taken back to his home in Salamanca where he had left but 30 minutes before in the best of health and spirits.

The young man was perfectly conscious from the time of the accident until his death, which occurred at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. He said he knew that his time had come and that he was prepared to meet his Maker. The shock to his parents and sister was terrible, and the young man tried to comfort them in every way, telling them that 'twas for the best and that they should not feel badly. Lloyd had a host of friends in this borough, where he formerly resided.

[illegible] Rev. E. C. Davis who delivered [illegible] baptized in the [illegible] church at Allegany, N. Y., by the Rev. Mr. McKinley.

"An only son he was cherished by his parents most tenderly and always responded to their love with an affectionate and faithful devotion. In his earlier years his school privileges were somewhat broken in upon, but he seemed to show ability and give promise of culture and usefulness. Last December his parents brought him to Alfred and placed him in the Academic department of Alfred University. Here he has remained, with the exception of short visits home since that time. He showed an interest in his work and a love for the student life. He formed many pleasant acquaintances and made many true friends. Six of the young men with whom he was especially associated, are here in testimony of their love and respect for him. His deportment was always courteous and manly and he has the respect and love of all his teachers, who join in deepest sympathy with his bereaved family and friends."

The funeral was held at the residence of his grandmother, Mrs. Martha Moore, on Main street in this borough at 1:15 p. m. Tuesday and was largely attended by sorrowing relatives and friends. The services were very impressive. Rev. I. T. Walker's beautiful prayer, the singing of the choir sweetly sad, the well-chosen words of Rev. E. C. Davis, spoken in an eloquent manner, made up a service that will remain long in the minds of the sorrowing listeners.

Six young classmates of the deceased acted as pall bearers, namely: Messrs. Tries, Treadway, Nelson, Fassett, Lewis and Titsworth. A number of out-of-town relatives and friends were in attendance. Interment was made in Rose Hill cemetery.

"He gave and has taken away; God's will be done."

Death of a Former Smethport Resident.

Through the courtesy of Hon. Henry Hamlin we are enabled to publish the following notices on the death of General Alexander Hamar, for several years a resident of this borough. Gen. Hamar purchased the Bennett House in January, 1879, and remained the owner until it was destroyed by fire on the morning of May 13, 1882. He also conducted the Grand Central Hotel for some time. Gen. Hamar had many warm friends in Smethport who will learn with regret of his death.

GEN. A. HAMAR.

The passing away of Gen. A. Hamar, who died at the Windsor Hotel in Pierce City on April 6th, removes from the mining circles of Southwest Missouri, one of its most unique but withal one of its most progressive spirits—a man whose every action denoted a firm resolve to bring to a successful end any business undertaking in which he was interested; a man who had great command of language, and who used that power to benefit his fellowman, as the two big mining plants here and others in the district which stand as monuments to his untiring energy and zeal, will truthfully testify; a man of strong character and sterling worth, combined with a due regard for the rights and opinions of others, stamped him as a leader of leaders; but whose acts were so little understood and often misinterpreted by those not intimately acquainted with him; a man whose purse was always open to those less fortunate than he, and whose rugged, benevolent face would beam with pleasure when engaged in those kindly acts first taught by that Great and Good Samaritan; always working for the betterment of those under his charge conscientious and painstaking that all in his employ should prosper alike. The news of his sudden death was received in this city especially with the deepest sorrow and regret, and strong men who have been strangers to tender emotions for years dropped a tear and a sigh in memory of their friend and benefactor. Not only did this feeling of profound sorrow prevail among the miners, but permeated and throbbed throughout the whole town, every citizen instinctively feeling that it would indeed be hard to find just such another man as Gen. Hamar, or one who will work as faithfully as he did for the advancement of Pierce City, in interesting capitalists to invest money in mining lands here. Pierce City, as a community, in unison with [illegible] of other friends in the district [illegible] Gen. Hamar's untimely death and [illegible] Hamar their deepest sympathy [illegible] and affection.—Pierce City [illegible]

IN MEMORIAM—GEN. A. HAMAR.

[illegible] the beautiful little cemetery [illegible] City, and surrounded by [illegible] Gen. A. Hamar, far from his [illegible] was laid to rest. These [illegible] a residence of many years [illegible] were not, however, [illegible] youth and early manhood, [illegible] rest beneath the soil [illegible] his much loved Hungary; [illegible] from one of the noble families in Hungary, his ancestry was only equaled by his worth, and his honorable descent was known to but few of his friends in this country. By birth, by education and association, a gentleman, a patriot, a soldier and philosopher; [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

House for rent or [illegible] [illegible]

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. L. Rogers went to Kane last night.

Hon. T. A. Morrison and wife spent Sunday [illegible]

[illegible] came home from Colegrove [illegible]

[illegible] of Port Allegany [illegible] Tuesday.

[illegible] of Port Allegany was in [illegible]

[illegible] Coudersport on a [illegible] Tuesday.

[illegible] came down from Kane and [illegible] with his parents.

[illegible] and W. H. Morrison [illegible] Bradford Monday night.

[illegible] of Olean spent Sunday with relatives and friends in town.

[illegible] of Bradford was a most agreeable caller at this office Monday.

S. B. W[illegible] went to Bradford yesterday to attend the funeral of James Robinson.

Mrs. T. A. Tracey of Bradford was visiting relatives in town the first of the week.

Mrs. R. D. Hamlin and daughter, Mrs. John Forrest, visited in Buffalo last Tuesday.

Mrs. A. J. Warshofsky and little daughter departed for Rochester yesterday morning.

Ex-Senator A. F. Bannon of Bradford was over Monday looking over the political field.

The genial W. P. Mulhern of Clermont came down last Saturday to greet old friends.

W. J. Milliken and J. C. Greenewald of Bradford were in town Wednesday attending court.

Misses Fannie Cavanaugh, Mary and Margaret Gibson of Clermont were in town Saturday.

Ira McQuiston of Rixford was in town Saturday night on his way home from a fishing trip.

Mrs. E. D. Kane and Dr. Thomas L. Kane of Kane were in attendance at court Tuesday.

C. W. Childs of Port Allegany was a brief [illegible] at the MINER office last [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible] Holloran, two of [illegible] stopped at the Central Sunday.

J. C. [illegible] came over from Bradford Tuesday and was kept quite busy greeting old friends.

E. P. Dalrymple and Nate Bard of Port Allegany were most agreeable callers at this office last Monday.

Mrs. Carrie G. Smith of Bradford was the guest of Mr. J. C. Backus and family Tuesday and Wednesday.

Editor Lillibridge remembered our humble location last Monday while in town and gave us a pleasant call.

J. W. Baker of Bradford, who is recovering from a serious illness, came over Wednesday and is a guest of his brother, Frank.

G. B. Mayo was over on Hunt's Run drowning angleworms last Saturday and came near drowning himself by slipping into its chilly waves. It was awful cold.

W. A. Ostrander is home from Philadelphia, where he has been attending college. He has accepted a position with F. R. Foster of Bradford during his vacation.

Attorney H. E. Shaffer of Kane attended the exercises at the opera house Monday night, and his rich bass voice could be distinctly heard while the audience sang "America."

Col. S. W. Davis of Ebensburg, prothonotary of Cambria county, was in town Wednesday on a visit to his brother, Commissioner Lemuel Davis. Mr. Davis is a gentleman whom it is a pleasure to meet.

Our western voyagers who so bravely started west to settle in Palouse county, Idaho, on Wednesday, April 20, returned home last Friday, well-convinced of one fact at least, that "home is the dearest spot on earth."

Col. R. R. Morrison of Mineral Point returned here last Monday to commence operations on the erection of the tanks for the glass plant. By the way the Colonel proves to be one of the most genial of men and has great inventive genius.

Mayor de Pug came over from Bradford Tuesday. He pretended to the MINER man that himself and H. C. Wells were discussing Sampson's chances of capturing the Spanish fleet, but this is to be taken with some grains of doubt as it was more likely politics.

Orlo J. Hamlin and P. D. Hamlin departed for Pittsburg last Monday morning as delegates to the Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal church. The convention will be held in the chapel of the new St. Margaret's [illegible] From there Paul will [illegible] to Newark, Ohio, where he will assume the position of treasurer and secretary of a gas company there of which he is a large stockholder. The MINER wishes Mr. Hamlin all the success he can desire.

From Our Soldier Boys.

The following letters were received from two of our town boys who are with the 16th Reg't at Mt. Gretna:

MT. GRETNA, May 3, 1898.

Excuse us for not writing before. There is so much excitement going on here, that writing is a thing not to be thought of. I suppose you know by this time that we are the only boys from Smethport in the Cuban Volunteers at Mt. Gretna. We are sorry that the boys left as our companions are going to give us a grand reception.

The people think that we will have to go to Cuba, but they are mistaken as Col. Hulings told us we would never see Cuba.

The battle won by Commodore Dewey's ships has put a damper on Spain that she will not forget for years to come.

Gov. Hastings was here to-day mustering in volunteers. We will have a good vacation this summer, that is what Col. Hulings said. I hope that Kerns will be with us this week so we will have a fine time.

We received our first dose of hard tack May 2. It is not quite as bad as people say it is. It is something like crackers and goes good with beer (if we had it to drink). We raid the pie wagon nearly every day.

Well, I will turn the pencil over to Claude as I have to go and make a call.

SABIN.

Hello, Colonel. I suppose you will be most awfully surprised to hear from me, but Sabe turned the pencil over to me so I will endeavor to do justice to it. Well, we are enjoying good health and hope we will continue to during our stay in the volunteers. When we come home we expect to be soldiers and hope you people will not think we were fools for volunteering to stand up for our flag. You know, Colonel, that we have never been out to see the world very much, so we intend to see it now while we have an opportunity.

Included you will find a cake of hard tack which they commenced to issue May 2d. In examination the teeth play just as important a part as any. If one haven't good teeth you are just as good as lost.

[illegible] leave you now as I have to go on [illegible] Sabe has blown the call and [illegible] Say, Colonel, just give [illegible] to the people and tell them we will be [illegible] war is over. Hoping you will receive this O. K. I will close.

Yours,
C. E. LEFEVER.

MT. GRETNA, May 6.

EDITOR MINER:—I dropped you a line once this week but will try and give you a better idea of what has to be done.

We are situated about 25 miles from Harrisburg on the Cornwall & Lebanon R. R. and [illegible] miles from Lebanon. I will try and tell what a day's work consists of in camp.

We arise at about 5:15 o'clock and at 5:30 play reveille; at 6 you have to clean up the street in which you live. At 6:30 we go to mess, each company has to feed two [illegible] with Co. C of Bradford and [illegible] to Co. H of Oil City. At 7:30 I blow the sick call and every captain [illegible] to look through his company for any [illegible] is sick; at 8 o'clock is guard mounting; at [illegible] is drill and at 12 mess, [illegible] at 6 parade, at 7 mess, at [illegible] tattoo and at 10 taps. [illegible]

[illegible] Company in Smethport were [illegible] have a very nice time. We [illegible] It started to [illegible] and I guess it is good [illegible]

[illegible] left this morning for Bradford [illegible] to fill the company up to [illegible]

[illegible] a soldier here than at [illegible] soldier here now than it [illegible] weeks ago, but I guess [illegible]

[illegible] and nine tents [illegible] at the [illegible] one thousand [illegible] Well, I will close as [illegible] Give my regards to [illegible] Hoping to see you soon.

Yours,
NIFT SABIN.

Farm for Rent.

The farm known as the Ripley farm, on Marvin creek, is for rent. Inquire of H. A. Comes on the adjoining farm. 18 tf

CORRESPONDENCE.

BRADFORD.

Several Bradford firms are looking for one Major Goodrich, a young gentleman well-known here, whose experience with a pen will put him behind prison bars if he is caught. About a week ago young Goodrich painted a house for Robert Roy, senior partner of the firm of Roy & Archer. He was paid by a check and evidently must have copied the signature until he had it perfectly for he succeeded in passing checks signed with the name of Roy & Archer to the amount of $170. Last Saturday he passed a check for $— on Bloomer & Toy, grocers; one for $50 on the Oil City house and two for $— on J. F. Hubbard and J. H. Fox, respectively. He was in the city Saturday evening, but his present whereabouts is not known. Goodrich has already served a term in the western penitentiary for forgery and if captured will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Company C Reserves left this city last Sunday afternoon for Camp Hastings where they will join the boys who went before and go to the front, if necessary, under Captain Burns. If such a thing were possible the send-off given the reserves was even more royal than that tendered to the first deputation. The whole town turned out as did the same hose companies, bands and veteran organizations who had assisted in the other farewell tournament. The reserves, 25 in number, went on the B., B. & K. road and the enormous crowd that had gathered to bid them good-bye waited in the streets until the little train came around the hill, opposite to them. Then amid wild cheers, calls and waving of handkerchiefs and tooting of innumerable whistles the boys disappeared from view around the brow of the hill. It was a grand finale to a most impressive scene.

Rev. C. W. Tucker and Rabbi Lewis Reynolds entertained the members and friends of the Pompelon Club last Saturday evening by reminiscences of their extensive travels in foreign lands. Mr. Tucker, in a charming talk of about an hour's duration, described a visit to Spain, Italy, Egypt, the Orient, and the Holy Land. Mr. Reynolds, who is a Russian, told of that country, her laws, customs and rigid regulations. Mr. Reynolds, in his youth, was a member of a Nihilistic Society in Russia and his stories of his escape from that country—how he jumped the frontier to avoid Siberia—were most interesting.

James Robinson, one of the most respected of Bradford's citizens, died at his home, No. 100 Jackson avenue, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Robinson has been ill for several months and while his death was not unexpected it was a shock to everybody in the city. Mr. Robinson was aged 60 years and has been identified with oil interests and especially with the United Pipe Line since 1877. He is survived by a wife and ten children. Services were held at the family residence yesterday afternoon. The remains were buried at Oak Hill cemetery.

Prof. J. Jamison and Mrs. C. W. Locard, directress of the Presbyterian church choir, are preparing to give a grand patriotic concert for the benefit of those families of the members of Company C as may need assistance during the absence of the men of the house. The concert will be given in the Wagner opera house and is expected to eclipse anything of the kind ever given here. The chorus will consist of 100 voices and the soloists will be the best singers in the city. The program is to consist entirely of national and patriotic selections.

Our baseball nine is beginning to show the material of which it is made. Games were played with the Niagara University nine Monday and Tuesday afternoons with the result that our boys are rising more and more in the estimation of the fans. Monday's score was 12 to 6 in favor of Bradford, while Tuesday's game stood 6 to 5 the other way. Some splendid work was done on both sides and the team gives excellent promise for a good season. A game was played yesterday with Olean and the same team will be played to-day and to-morrow.

B. F. Hazelton, who has been very ill for some time past, was so very low last week that his life was despaired of. His son, Courtney Hazelton, who is a private in Company C was sent for and returned home last week on a ten days' furlough. Mr. Hazelton has rallied since then and it is thought that he may recover. Courtney returned to Mt. Gretna Sunday with the reserves.

Miss Emma Stone, a beautiful and popular young lady, whose parents live in Bradford, died suddenly in Philadelphia on Wednesday of last week. The remains were brought here by her sorrowing parents and were interred in Oak Hill cemetery.

As Lieutenant Howaird only took 25 of the reserves out of the large number who had enlisted and wished to go, a new company will immediately be formed of which those recruits who were left behind will be the nucleus.

L. B. Lockard, Supreme Protector of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, has removed the headquarters of that organization from this city to Toledo, Ohio, and will make the latter place his future home.

A party of tourists, consisting of C. P. and Bert Collins, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hamsher, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Weaver and W. Hardison left on Monday for an extended sojourn on the Pacific coast.

A. F. Moore, a prominent business man and land owner of the city, suffered a stroke of paralysis Tuesday morning and is now lying at his home on Boylston street in a critical condition.

The Eclipse Club, an east end social organization, will give a ball in the east end opera house this evening.

The store clerks of the city have succeeded in securing early closing rules.

LARABEE.

Wm. Lillibridge of Port Allegany delivered an interesting talk on the war question to quite a large and appreciative audience here Saturday, at the occasion of decorating with stars and stripes the pole that has stood so proudly erect since reared by an enthusiastic people in time and peace of prosperity.

Mac Windsor of Clermont, accompanied by his wife and daughter, visited at the home of his father, W. E. Windsor, Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Freda Wedell returned to her home at Rock Run the first of the week after spending a few weeks with Mrs. Chas. Adams.

Quite a number of people attended the funeral of Mrs. Lewis Windsor at Moody Hollow Monday.

Mrs. H. S. Carpenter and son, Bennie, visited relatives in Turtle Point Sunday and Monday.

Miss Emma Adams spent Friday and Saturday with her aunt, Mrs. Ed Eldredge, of Crosby.

Mrs. C. W. Taylor and son, Edward, of Turtle Point are visiting relatives in town.

Miss Helen Burg of Eldred Sundayed with her parents, Nils Burg and wife.

The genial Sam Smith of Port Allegany was in town Tuesday.

Mr. Hadley of Port Allegany was in town the first of the week.

Adolph Burg of Port Allegany spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. F. P. Pickard visited in Garner over Sunday.

TURTLE POINT.

Dr. Strobridge returned Saturday from Chicago where she has been in attendance at the closing exercises of the Bennett Medical College. She reports a good time.

James Taylor has moved his family back here and settled in his store. He has been in business in Ormsby for the last year.

M. D. Woodard is working for C. E. Palmer of Fortune, finishing up a new house. He also sports a new wheel.

Lewis Knapp is making some improvements around his house. We need more of such work.

E. D. Crawford has returned from Cross Forks and is doing work on the farm of C. A. Dailey.

Miss Laura F. Acre has returned from a week's visit with Wellsville friends.

Mrs. L. L. Byal of Smethport was in this place Sunday visiting her children.

Dr. Strobridge is making extensive improvements on her home.

James Parker has gone to Michigan to visit his brother.

Dr. Stevens of Port Allegany was town last Friday.

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He who plants a tree
Plants a hope.
[illegible] up through fibres blindly grope;
Leaves unfold into horizons free.
So man's life must climb
From the clods of time
Unto heavens sublime.
Canst thou prophesy, thou little tree,
What the glory of thy boughs shall be?

He who plants a tree
Plants a joy;
Plants a comfort that will never cloy.
Every day a fresh reality,
Beautiful and strong,
To whose shelter throng
Creatures blithe with song.
If thou couldst but know, thou happy tree,
Of the bliss that shall inhabit thee.

He who plants a tree
He plants peace.
Under its green curtains jargons cease;
Leaf and zephyr murmur soothingly;
Shadows soft with sleep
Down tired eyelids creep,
Balm of slumber deep.
Never hast thou dreamed, thou blessed tree,
Of the benediction thou shalt be.

He who plants a tree
He plants youth;
Vigor won for centuries in sooth;
Life of time, that hints eternity!
Boughs their strength uprear,
New shoots every year
On old growths appear.
Thou shalt teach the ages, sturdy tree,
Youth of soul is immortality.

He who plants a tree
He plants love;
Tents of coolness spreading out above
Wayfarers, he may not live to see.
Gifts that grow are best;
Hands that bless are blest;
Plant; life does the rest!
Heaven and earth help him who plants a tree,
And his work its own reward shall be.
—Lucy Larcom.

RESOLVED.

"If you please, ma'am, could I speak to you for one minute?" asked Mrs. Locksley.

Theodora Dale started from the deep reverie in which she was buried, and looked up with large, startled eyes.

"Certainly, Mrs. Locksley," said she. "What is it?"

"It's about the rent for the rooms, Mrs. Dale," said the landlady, drawing herself up with a little jerk. "Two good months you've occupied 'em, and it stands to reason, ma'am, as a hard-working widow woman, as has only herself to look to, wants to see the color of her money. Not as I would have hurried you, ma'am," with a half-relenting glance toward Theodora's deep mourning garments, "while the poor major lay ill, nor yet while he was being buried, but——"

Theodora looked pained; the deep crimson dyed her cheeks.

"I am sorry to have inconvenienced you, Mrs. Locksley," she said, "but I was, of course, obliged to settle the undertaker's bill at once, and that has taken all the ready money which I had at command. I have written to my husband's relatives, however, and I expect remittances very shortly, which——"

Mrs. Locksley compressed her lips.

"I've heard that same thing from my lodgers before, ma'am," said she. "All I can say is that I would very much like to have the bill paid as soon as possible."

"It shall be paid to-night, Mrs. Locksley, without fail," said Theodora, her cheeks becoming even hotter than before. And the instant the door closed upon the short, stout figure of the landlady, she let her head fall upon her clasped hands, and burst into tears, tears that were almost like distilled fire, so scalding and bitter were they.

Theodora Dale had been married only three months. She had been a schoolgirl of fifteen at Madame Bonnamel's establishment, just out of mourning, when Major Lionel Dale saw and admired her at the Springs. He made some careless inquiries about the young beauty with the gazelle-like eyes, scarlet lips and blue-black hair that clustered so low upon her forehead, and learned, in an incidental sort of way, that she was an orphan, training at the expense of Madame Bonnamel herself for a governess.

"Bless it!" said Major Dale. "she's too pretty for that! I'll marry her!"

Little Theodora Mayder, who had scarcely left off playing with her dolls, and was heartily sick of Madame Bonnamel's sanctions on the one side, and the unconscious tyranny of the children on the other, was half frightened, half pleased, when the handsome, middle-aged major proposed matrimony to her.

"But I am so young!" she pleaded, [illegible] and lilies succeeding each other on her cheeks.

"You are the prettiest little half [illegible] in the world," the major made answer, gallantly.

[illegible] Bonnamel spoke a word or [illegible] of warning to her.

"My child," said she, "beware what you are about. He is three times your age—he gambles. It is true that [illegible] is a hard one, but——"

"[illegible] marry him," retorted Theodora.

[illegible] she did.

[illegible] end of the three months Major [illegible] favorite horse, Meg Merrilies, ran away with him and killed [illegible] Theodora, not yet sixteen, [illegible] widow.

[illegible] enough she wrote to her [illegible] relations, whom she had [illegible], and now, upon this October [illegible] she was expecting an answer [illegible] letter.

[illegible] mounted to her face as [illegible] paused under her window [illegible] brought the letter from his [illegible] tore it eagerly open.

[illegible] nothing but her own [illegible] returned to her with these [illegible] across the envelope:

"[illegible] Chandos Dale's compliments [illegible] young lady who beguiled his [illegible] into a secret marriage, and he [illegible] of opinion that her talents in the husband-hunting line need [illegible] assistance."

[illegible] this cutting insult, this gratuitous [illegible], was all.

Theodora sat pale and silent. She [illegible] that her husband did not care [illegible] to his relatives much, generally avoiding the subject when she [illegible] it, but she had never dreamed that he had allowed them to think [illegible] mere adventuress who had contrived to entrap him into a clandestine marriage. She had long [illegible] discovered that Lionel Dale [illegible] thoroughly selfish man, but she [illegible] dreamed how selfish.

[illegible] blow, sharp and sudden as it [illegible] nerved her to further exertions. [illegible] on her hat, went out to the [illegible] jeweler, and sold her watch [illegible] Lionel's wedding present [illegible] probably about one-third of its [illegible]. With this she paid her bill at [illegible] Locksley's.

"[illegible] your pardon, ma'am," said [illegible] lodging-house keeper, "but what [illegible] going to do now?"

"[illegible] going to give music lessons," [illegible].

[illegible] a full, fresh voice, like a [illegible] she knew that she could [illegible] told herself, "but I would starve sooner than apply again to the Dales for assistance."

And the years crept by and the sixteen-year-old widow who stormed the citadel of fortune so bravely won the day.

"Signora Theodora Dalli! No, I haven't heard her yet," said Mr. Chandos Dale, indifferently. "But they say she is the best Marguerite we have yet had, and I have sent to secure a box for to-morrow night."

Signora Dalli was in her best voice that night when Chandos Dale, her brother-in-law, sat with folded arms in the proscenium box. And the half-blown bud of five years ago had ripened by this time into the full-blown rose of loveliness. Her blue-black hair floated like a jetty, glimmering veil of brightness down her shoulders; her eyes shone like midnight stars, while the radiant pink and white of her cheeks owned none of their beauty to cosmetic art.

And Mr. Chandos Dale, sitting there with intent eyes and artistic soul, all alive to the flute-like richness of her voice, thought she was simply the most beautiful creature he had ever seen.

The Mayor of the city where the signora was singing had a little private reception in her honor, after the opera was over. Chandos Dale, of course, was among the invited guests; and then Signora Dalli knew who he was.

"I have the advantage of him," said Theodora to herself, smiling a curious smile. "And I shall take care to retain it!"

Just a month afterwards Mr. Dale proposed to make the beautiful signora his wife.

"Are you really in love with me?" said the signora, opening wide her almond-shaped eyes, where the jetty fires seemed to burn with sleepy luster—"with me—an opera singer?"

And Chandos, about as hopelessly infatuated as it is in the nature of man to be, vowed that he would commit suicide if she didn't have him at once.

"Put it in writing," said the Signora Theodora Dalli, with a laugh.

"Why?"

"It is my fancy."

"Your will is my law," protested Mr. Dale. So he wrote a very pretty and poetic declaration of love, upon tinted paper, and sent it to the signora's suite of apartments at a private hotel.

The same evening he received the very letter which had come to Lionel Dale's widow that October sunset, with its penciled bit of sarcasm. And under it was written:

"The young lady who beguiled Mr. Chandos Dale's brother into a secret marriage has needed no assistance from his relatives. The Signora Dalli—otherwise Mrs. Lionel Dale—returns the inclosed compliments, and has the honor to bid Mr. Chandos Dale farewell!"

Theodora never enjoyed anything so much in all her life as she did the writing of this letter!

She had conquered her own fortune now. She was indebted to no one. And the next month she was married to a young English gentleman, who had followed her bright eyes half over two continents.

While Mr. Dale had the satisfaction of knowing that he had wrought out his own destiny.

[illegible]

An Incident of Decatur's Capture of the Frigate Macedonian.

This is the story of a young sailor who lived two generations before young Dan Wallingford, who gave his complete fortune of 48 cents to build a new battleship to replace the Maine. His first name was Bill and his last name is withheld. The incident occurred in the eventful year of 1812, on board "our" frigate United States, when, under Capt. Decatur's skillful command, she captured after "long shot" action, the British frigate Macedonia, bringing her a prize to New York. Decatur got a gold medal from Congress in recognition of the capture, and this is what a Vermont newspaper, printed in the year of Waterloo, tells of Bill's part in this sea fight:

"On board Decatur's ship was a little boy about 9 years old. He was not considered one of the regular crew, but he shared the mess of a generous sailor who had two years before taken him from his widowed mother. The spirit of his father, who had also been a seaman, had long since gone aloft, and left his widow and little ones on the shoals of poverty. When the Macedonian hove in sight and all hands were clearing ship for action the little fellow stepped up to Commodore Decatur.

"'And it please you, Captain,' he said, 'I wish my name might be put down on the roll.'

"'And what for, my lad?' inquired the commander.

"'So that I can draw a share of the prize money, sir,' said he.

"Pleased with the spirit and confident courage of the little hero, his name was ordered on the list; but the moment was too important to say more. After the prize was taken Decatur thought of the little sailor boy and called him up.

"'Well, Bill,' said he, 'we have taken her, and your share of the prize, if we get her safe in, will be about $200. What will you do with it?'

"'I'll send one half of it to my mother, sir, and the other half shall send me to school.'

"'That's noble,' cried the Commodore.

"Delighted with the spirit of the lad, he took him under his immediate protection, and obtained for him the birth of a midshipman. Every attention is given to his education, and he gives great promise of making an accomplished officer."

Webster's Bargain Day.

A sharp Nantucket man had a small case which was to be tried at Nantucket one week in June, and he posted to Webster's office in great haste. It was a contest with a neighbor over a matter of considerable local interest, and his pride as a litigant was at stake. He told Webster the particulars and asked what he would charge to conduct the case.

"Why," said Webster, "you can't afford to hire me. I should have to stay down there the whole week, and my fee would be more than the whole case is worth. I couldn't go down there for less than $1,000. I could try every case on the docket as well as one, and it wouldn't cost any more, for one case would take my time for the entire week, anyway."

"All right, Mr. Webster," quickly responded the Nantucketer. "Here's your $1,000. You come down and I'll fix it so you can try every case."

Webster was so amused over this proposition that he kept his word. He spent the entire week in Nantucket, and appeared on one side or the other in every case that came up for a hearing. The shrewd Nantucketer hired Daniel out to all his friends who were in litigation, and received in return about $1,500, so that he got Webster's services for nothing and made a good profit to boot.

To Handle Hot Plates.

Hot plates can be lifted by a new utensil without any danger of burning the hands, two wire frames being attached to a handle, with one frame sliding in a socket, to fit different sized [illegible]

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Dr. Tranish, with his instruments and his little bottles of powders and liquids, usually made the [illegible] in religion once a month. When he approached the shack of the Archers on this November day he felt some misgivings, for everything seemed so still and quiet. Mrs. Archer opened the door to him and answered his query of greeting in a sorrowful voice.

"I don't understand why he shouldn't have quite recovered by this time," said the doctor. "Did you give him the drops regularly?"

"Yes; but a bear came."

"A bear? What——"

"First day after you left, Lias was lyin' there what you call speechless, an' un—un——"

"Unconscious. Yes, he was pretty low down, but still——"

"He was lyin' there, when Ben Giddings come in an' told about seein' a [illegible] up near the timber line. Next I knowed Lias has his gun down an' was a-strainin' up the mountain half dressed. Said no bear was goin' to take advantage of his bein' sick an' come foolin' 'round the house that away. He got the bear, but three men had to hold him in bed on account of his craziness for five days."

"Naturally, with such exposure——"

"He'd just about come to his sense, when Ashcroft, who come down to set up with him, told me about seein' elk tracks by the [illegible]. Ashcroft spoke soft an' low an' didn't mean no harm, but Lias heard him in his sleep and rip up an' throwed bedclothes all over the house; knocked Ashcroft down an' pushed me away as easy as though I was some kind of a thing on hinges. Then he got that gun an' went out on a run. Had just his shirt on."

"Good land! Why, that was enough to kill him, with snow eight inches deep."

"At least a foot deep. Ashcroft an' three men hunted him all that day an' night. He'd followed that elk over nigh the Tetons. He was plumb dead when they brung him back, but the elk was dead, too."

"What! Lias dead? I thought——"

"He was dead then, but he come to next day an' went out of his head ag'in an' then stretched out, an' we all thought he was really gone. The boys come to watch with him an' plan his funeral, an' whilst they was talkin' Ed Groby said Harvey Wade had told some one who had told him that seven mountain sheep had been noticed up nigh the tip of the Thumb, sixteen miles away. They ain't been no mountain sheep nigh these parts for ten years. A hunter like Lias is—a man to set heart an' soul—would foller mountain sheep for hundreds of miles."

"I know. They are great game."

"They are, sure. Well, doctor, when Ed Groby said them words there come a kind of quiver of Lias' body an' he opened his eyes an' looked around. I knowed what was comin' an' run for the rifle. But he was too quick. 'Woman!' he yelled at me, 'don't set yerself ag'in me with a chanst at mountain sheep.' He had the rifle an' was outside an' a mile away, I guess, afore them scared men knowed what was up. He was gone three days. They brung him home yistiddy. There he is in there."

The doctor went into the other room of the shack and looked at the thin, wasted form before him. He looked at the most notable of all the Teton and Hoback hunters. He looked at the man whose fame extended from the Wind River mountains to Pocatello. He looked, however, at a man who was dying.

"Lias, can you hear me?" he inquired, gently.

The patient smiled back a weak recognition.

"Why on earth did you act so foolish? I thought you'd be well by this time. If you hadn't exposed yourself so——"

A film seemed to gather over the eyes of the mountain man. Then came his last strength. He rose in bed and gasped:

"Doc, them mountain sheep horns measure twenty-two inches. Ain't another pair like 'em ever been took in these parts. I hit him right above——"

Then he fell back dead.

The Draught of Chimneys.

Many chimneys have defective draught because more pains is taken to make a smooth outside where the mason work shows, than on the inside, where the efficiency of the chimney to carry off superfluous smoke depends on how the chimney was constructed. A well-proportioned chimney should be at least as large at its top as it is at bottom. This rule is often violated, some people having the idea that if the aperture at the top is made smaller the smoke will be forced out more violently. It may seem to be so, but such chimneys will soon clog up by the smoke condensing on their sides, besides throwing a good deal of smoke through the lower rooms of the house.

Projectiles for Big Guns.

Projectiles used by the United States Army for its great modern guns cost as follows: Solid shot, 8-inch, $69.30 each; 10-inch, $144.50 each; 12-inch, $212 each; 12-inch mortar shells weighing 800 pounds, $114 each, and 12-inch mortar shells, weighing 1,000 pounds each, $136 each.

Wooden Shoes in France.

Wooden shoes in France are produced to the extent of about [illegible],000 pairs yearly. They are made in Alsace and Lorraine by machinery, and in Lozere by hand. In the last-named province 1,700 persons are engaged in the manufacture, and the yearly product is more than half a million pairs.

300 Miles Between Drinks.

There is not a saloon between Florence, Ala., and Paducah, Ky., on the banks of the Tennessee River. The distance is more than 300 miles, and is said to be the longest of its kind on any navigable river in America.

The Westfield (Ind.) News prints the following in regard to an old resident of that place: "Frank McAvoy, for many years in the employ of the L., N. A. & C. R'y here, says: 'I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for ten years or longer—am never without it in my family. I consider it the best remedy of the kind manufactured.'" It is a specific for all bowel disorders. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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SAILOR LADS WHO ROSE TO THE OCCASION AND SAVED THE SHIP

Episodes Which Reveal the Danger Besetting the Lives of Those Aboard a Modern Battleship—One Boy in the Nick of Time [illegible] Prevented a Magazine Explosion.

A veteran Admiral [illegible] relate what he calls [illegible] to show the nerve of an [illegible] boy. A division of the crew of one of the battle-ships was overhauling the after magazine one day, breaking out fixed ammunition, cans of powder and gun-cotton, and shifting boxes, as it was, under the direction of a lieutenant and a gunner's mate. The latter stood leaning over the hatch, singing out orders to the men in the magazine, when he accidentally knocked his lantern against the steel side of the hatchway. The spring that held the lamp gave way, and it fell into the pit, bottom-side up and still burning, upon the top of a large tin can of powder. The men in the pit were busy stowing, with their backs turned, and did not see the accident. The lieutenant, the gunner's mate and others who were looking over the hatch were stupified with horror, but, fortunately for that ship and its crew of 500 men, an apprentice boy had his wits with him, and quicker than you can tell it "shinned" down the tackle, seized the lamp, extinguished the flame with his fingers, grabbed the heated can of powder in his arms and sang out: "You lubbers, haul me and this here can to the deck, d— quick!" Two jerks upon a rope lifted the boy and his dangerous burden to the deck, and in an instant he had cast it over the side into the sea.

The commanding officer did not complain of the loss of that powder, and the boy now wears the sword of a gunner's mate.

"It was only the other day," said another officer, "that another gunner's mate, by a bit of swift head and hand work, saved one of the battleships of the North Atlantic Squadron, which is now cruising around Key West, from an awful peril in which it was placed by sheer carelessness. The ship was engaged in big-gun practice at sea, and solid shot were being fired from the main battery. The gunner's mate referred to was stationed in the conning-tower with the skipper. One of the big guns was loaded with a solid shot and the skipper was about to press the electric button held in his hand, when the boy noticed that the breech of the gun was not locked. He might have let loose a yell of warning that would have startled the skipper and caused a contraction of the muscles of the hand that would have pressed the button and discharged the gun, but he had too much sense for that. He did not utter a sound, but with a quick spring he seized the electric wire and broke it with his hands, thus cutting the circuit. Then he sank on the floor of the conning-tower, without a bit of blood in his face and as weak as a kitten. The skipper thought he had fallen in a faint or had gone crazy, but the boy recovered himself in a moment and explained how near the captain had come to raking his own deck with a solid shot. If that gun had been fired very little of the ship would have been left, and 100 or 200 men or more, including the captain, would have gone on the list of casualties."

The Prince of Wales' Dinner Table.

Good taste reigns over all the arrangements. Thus, the tablecloths are severely plain, though of the finest quality, and simply worked with the royal arms—the rose, the thistle and the shamrock—while the table napkins are invariably folded into a small square to hold the bread, and never in the fancy shapes in vogue elsewhere. To each guest two forks, and no more, are provided, and these are placed prongs downward. In addition there are one large tablespoon and one large knife, for in no circumstances are two knives together given to any guest. A great many reasons have been assigned for this rule, but apparently no one has summoned up the courage to ask the royal host and hostess. It has been asserted that his royal highness has the old-fashioned dislike to seeing knives inadvertently crossed. Small water bottles are used, but the princess holds to the Hanoverian habit of never having finger bowls. At Marlborough House dinner begins at 8:45, and is never allowed to last much more than an hour. Occasionally during dinner soft music is played. The menu is always served a la Russe—that is to say, nothing is carved in the dining room.

Old Custom in the Senate.

It has become a custom of the Senate to read the farewell address of Washington every anniversary of the birthday of the father of his country, and Senator Lodge, one of the best elocutionists in the Senate, read it on the 22d. One of the most dramatic presentations of this message to the Senate was several years ago, when it was read by John J. Ingalls. Senator Manderson, of Nebraska also read it with great effect and force, and last year Senator Frye had the honor.

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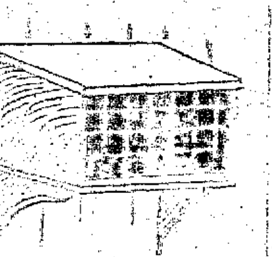
[illegible] intelligent [illegible] in the United States [illegible] fresh [illegible] intelligence on the [illegible] is to the effect that the prospective [illegible] horses will have come to the [illegible] of the country has seldom, if ever, been as low as it is now. The [illegible] economic conditions surrounding the horse markets everywhere have had the natural effect of turning stockmen away from the growing of good horses, until the result alluded to is so plainly manifest as to admit of no question. What may be expected as to the legitimate result? Many things have occurred to reduce the demand for horses for purposes of transportation and in the industries, but we fail to read the signs aright if the tendency, despite all this, is not toward a situation in which the demand for good horses will exceed the supply. That day may not be just at hand, but it certainly should be coming.

Care in Feeding Young Pigs.

Too much highly concentrated food, which is generally corn, is the cause of much of the difficulty some growers of pork find in raising young pigs. It must be remembered that a food which will make bone and muscle is quite as essential as a fattening ration. When [illegible] young pigs, and older ones, too, [illegible] with a half pound of linseed meal to each animal, well mixed with the grain, generally adding corn as they improve in health. Good clover hay is also an excellent balancing ration for hogs and they should have all they can eat of it. A good supply of salt and ashes mixed and more or less charcoal should also be kept at all times where the hogs can readily get at it, for it supplies a material which will aid in digestion, and something of the kind is usually needed by animals which have as little exercise as hogs generally.

Keeping Barn Odors Out of Milk.

It is well known that milk remaining in the stable quickly absorbs odors that injure butter flavor. It is an inconvenience on many farms to carry away to the dairy room each pail as soon as it is filled. The sketches show a handy shelf built outside the cattle quarters, but reached from within. As each pail is filled the slide is pushed back and the pail is set out on the shelf, where it is protected by the top and the grating from cats, etc., while it is surrounded by pure air. Fig. 1 shows the inside and Fig. 2 the outside arrangement of this ventilated barn milk-closet.



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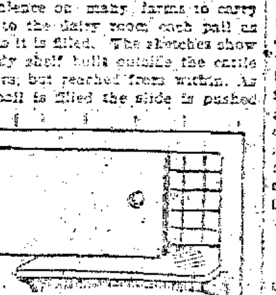

FIG. 2. INSIDE VIEW.

Angora Goats.

For several years past in many of the western states and also in sections farther east, experiments have been made with the Angora goats, and the results indicate that the breeding of them will be profitable in any section where sheep are successfully raised. These goats breed and mature about the same time as sheep and require much the same treatment. The fleece of the Angora goat is worth about twenty per cent more than that of sheep, and their flesh is considered by epicures as superior to mutton. They do sell better than sheep, as the meat is worth about the same price, and the pelt much more. Angoras and sheep may be raised together, as they never cross breed.

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[illegible] a friend whose house plants are required to smoke out [illegible] or in the woodshed, has a box arranged to hold her plants upon, it is necessary to give them treatment for vermin; in the corner of the box is a hole as large around as a silver dollar, to which a plug is fitted. The man of the house, when called upon for the service, takes his place in the woodshed with pipe and plant box and is required to expend a part at least of his smoke on the plants. It is quite amusing to see this "lord of creation" with a mouthful of smoke remove the plug from the plant box and send the smoke among the plants, but as the treatment is effectual and he takes the idea somewhat in the nature of a good joke, both he and the wife are enthusiastic over the plan.

Growing Strawberries.

Strawberries can be raised on almost any good farm soil, but a rich sandy loam is preferable. Plow the ground in the fall, then in the spring replow and pulverize thoroughly, planting as soon as danger from frost is past. Cultivate throughout the season, keeping a loose layer of earth on the top to act as a mulch. As soon as the ground is frozen so that it will bear up a team, cover with hay, straw or coarse manure of any kind. Leave this on until all danger of frost is past in the spring, then rake off the rows and let it remain between them until the berries are picked, after which cut off the plants with a mower and when there is a brisk breeze, burn the whole patch.

Enriching Orchards.

Orchards will in time exhaust, at least partially, the fertility of the soil, and this exhaustion is especially noticeable on soils which were not especially rich at the time the trees were planted. To make young trees grow more rapidly, a fertilizer should be used, containing a small per cent. of nitrogen (ammonia) mixed with potash and phosphates. For older orchards the nitrogen is not as necessary, while phosphates and potash should be increased, especially the quantity of potash. It is frequently a good plan to stimulate top growth by sowing the orchard to crimson clover in late summer and turning it under in the spring.

How to Have Fine Chrysanthemums.

Vick says a point few amateurs properly understand is that in order to have fine chrysanthemums the plants or clumps must be taken up and divided [illegible] spring, starting every plant for the next season's bloom from a single one of the new shoots that crowd up thickly from the roots. It is easy to break these shoots out with a new root to each one, and when potted they grow rapidly. But if all the shoots of the old root are left to grow as they spring up the result will be a crowded mass of mildewed leaves and sickly shoots, with a few clusters of small flowers. Divide your plants, give away what you can and throw the rest away.

Minerals in Fruits.

So large a part of most fruits is water that we are apt to forget their other constituents, which are chiefly mineral. All fruits require potash for their seeds, and this mineral also seems to be necessary to aid in ripening the fruit. This it probably does by keeping the foliage healthy. Apples, pears and grapes are also benefited by applications of phosphate. With plenty of mineral fertilizers no stable manure will be needed.

A Useful Plant.

English ivy is one of the plants that seems able to take care of itself. Give it good soil, water when it needs it, an occasional washing to keep off its one pest, the scale, and it will cheerfully do without sunlight and bear both heat and cold with equanimity.

Hints For Flower-Growers.

Examine the outdoor rosebeds occasionally to see that the wind has not removed the covering.

Cinders form a good material for covering the floors and paths of the conservatory.

The plants stored for the winter in the cellar have now been in some time. Perhaps they need a little water or other attention.

Frequent cleansing of the leaves of foliage plants, by using tepid water and a sponge, leads to their attractiveness and is essential to the health of the plants.

Just at this time when work with the flowers is very light, is a good time to consider what will be best to plant in the garden. When the proper time comes everything must be in readiness so that no valuable time will be lost.

To clean old flower pots on which green moss and a sort of white mold has grown, scrub them vigorously with sand and water. This will make the pots look bright and new. Use porous vessels only to pot plants in. They will do better in such than in tin cans.

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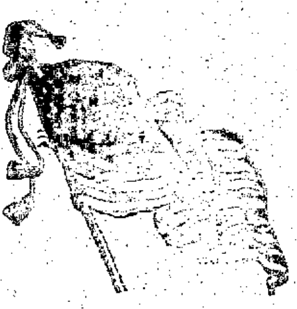

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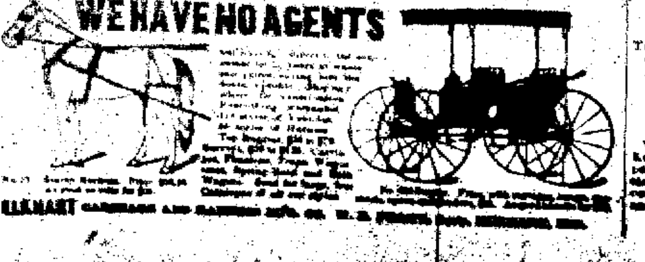

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Time Table taking Effect Nov. [illegible]

LEAVE SMETHPORT.

[illegible] A. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting with [illegible] Ry. for Foxburg, [illegible]

10:09 A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

[illegible] P. M.—Mail and Express, daily except Sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane connecting at Kane with P. & E. train [illegible] for Williamsport, Sunbury, [illegible] Ridgway, [illegible], Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia [illegible] ford with Erie R. R. train [illegible] Salamanca, Olean, Hornellsville, Elmira and New York.

Trains arrive at Smethport daily except Sunday, at [illegible] a. m., [illegible] p. m. and [illegible] p. m.

JNO. C. McKENNA,
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Bradford, Pa.

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To Commissioners and Supervisors of McKean and adjoining counties: I am prepared to furnish iron and steel [illegible] or duplicate any bridge, do [illegible] complete bridge structure. [illegible] and Specifications on application.
A. [illegible], Contractor,
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